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PREFATORY NOTE

THIS Book of Prayer, an outgrowth of the Bible Healing movement holds out an aid; offering inspiration and a challenge, to every person professing Christianity. This takes in the church; and clergy too. It takes in students for the ministry; and indeed all who desire to follow Jesus. The life-spirit of Jesus is written plainly in the Bible. But we encounter the tragic fact that organized religion has had a woeful misconception of Christianity and cannot without virtual self-delusion, claim to have followed Jesus. The Bible invariably represents Him aside from preaching the Kingdom, as healing the sick that He met up with and without a question of the possibility of it, as carefully commanding His followers never to neglect it. But sadly nonetheless, they *have* neglected it. Many churches indolently neglect it today, and many ministers practically ignore it —though not all. That is why this movement and this book are called into being, and the *Supreme Proposal* of this Bible Healing movement is to aid and challenge the courage and endeavor, of those who will now follow Jesus, whatever be their name or denomination, in the great conception of the two-fold gospel—Preaching the Kingdom, and Healing the sick— as He held it; which surely would not be gainsaid.

The Bible Healing movement of today is the one articulate voice of this vital interdenominational Christian Healing activity, which is nothing less than *infinite* in its possibilities. It is God's own system; and His plan is infallible. The Lord has distinctly commanded the work, and the main object of this movement is to obey Him, and to restore the healing ministry in Christ's Church.

The zero hour has arrived, in organized religion. Christianity now enters its new phase and development. Bible Healing strikes the note for which this age has been breathlessly listening. It is weary of war and turmoil and hatred—in the state, and sick of selfishness, smugness and hypocrisy—in the Church. It is shell-shocked and shattered and rent asunder, and it wants peace and healing. That is to say. it wants Love; and it will have it. The age and the race will have it! The only question is who will furnish it? Will the Church of Christ grasp its opportunity and now demonstrate the unlimited power of prayer,—in healing? We believe she will. That is what the present work hopes for. It designs to inspire the followers of Christ in the world, to give the real peace and the real healing to the people, as the Bible offers it. This is the church's great opportunity to retrieve the precious years, and to save to herself the scores of thousands who are streaming into various cults and isms and mental religions which are offer-

ing healing of soul and body, as the church herself ought to offer it if she still makes even a pretense of following Christ or obeying Him. He insistently commands it. He continually practised it Himself, and His adherents also followed His example for several centuries.

The present definite revival has grown up and spread spontaneously from a group of earnest people of different denominations who had prayed or practised, thought, read or written upon the subject, and from which the larger movement developed.

The Bible itself is the one absolute authority; herein the Lord has provided a definite program for the Healing Ministry, including public healing services; and a system for the private use of those who are suffering, and who can herewith practise self-healing. The habit of reading the Scripture daily will also in itself be of untold benefit.

This Bible Healing ministry is indisputably one of the primary features in the program of Christianity. Its policy is quite safe and sane, as it is based upon God's Eternal Word. Every evangelical Minister, or religious student who feels his achievement cramped and futile, and who desires to count more for the Lord, ought to take this movement up and practice it. He may be assured that the increase in his usefulness will be a hundred-fold. Surely we can make no mistake in the principle of it. The gospel of Christ advocates this min-

istry. Preach the gospel, heal the sick—is sounded forth with almost monotonous insistence in the Bible.

Further; hungering, yearning or suffering souls—who have heretofore despaired of joy or health, will find in Bible Healing the greatest help both for soul and for body. Bible Healing accepts as absolute the old Testament promise, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," (Exo. 15: 26) and the New Testament promise, "These signs shall follow them that believe . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." (Mark 16: 16).

And Jno. 14: 14, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."

With these precious and eternal promises from the Lord Himself, His church possesses a power which we believe can transform the sombre conditions of this present world into a veritable heaven on earth. May she as His true ambassador, now make the most of her opportunity!

SECTION I.

The Teaching

BIBLE HEALING PRAYER BOOK

CHAPTER I.

Healing Testimony of Ancient Judaism

"I am the Lord thy Healer." Ex. 15-26

THE Bible is, above all else, the Eternal Book of Healing, just as Jehovah is the Eternal God of Healing. The greatest need of humanity is this very healing. We all require healing of body and of soul. If humanity then, shall come into the right relationship, acceptance, and understanding of this great Author and this great Book, the need of healing will be met and satisfied completely,—its highest happiness in earth or heaven will have been attained; namely, health of body and of soul.

Accordingly, from the Scripture itself, the system of Bible Healing has been culled out, and here set forth; a system which is infallible, and always succeeds when the conditions are fulfilled. The results are as sure as God Himself. His promise and His character are the guarantee we have.

Through all the ages of Scriptural history God has demonstrated His healing power, and the wondrous deeds and lives of the faithful attest that He has been their Healer and Physician. From beginning to end, the Bible shows how God directly heals the body as well as the soul through faith and prayer, and we are proceeding solely on this claim.

Furthermore, ye multitudes, to whom this Bible Healing message will appeal as fundamental truth, you will have courage and strength in the absolute confidence that *you also* belong to Him.

Many earnest supporters of the Church, of late, have become concerned over an apparent indifference to the daily needs of people in the life that now is. The Church for so many centuries, aided by clergy and priesthood inculcated the platitude that "God wants your soul" and "the Lord delights in a joyous emancipated surrendered spirit," that the people of the world as well as the people of the Church had come to believe that this was an end of it, and to conceive that the church existed for this alone. The oratorical, verbal, preaching of righteousness seemed to be the only objective of the Church, and the only enterprise in which she purposed or pretended to engage. But verbal preaching is not the only business of the real Church of God. Not by any means! Rhetorical effort is not the only duty of religion and never has been its only duty in spite of the fact that it is the only one that organized religion has accepted, recognized or performed in any universal way, and the time has come at last, when in many cases the people themselves have gone ahead of even the priesthood or the clergy in their study and application of the Great Book of Religion, and have answered back to the Church and clergy that, "if God wants your soul, He also wants your body." "If the Lord delights in a joyous emancipated surrendered Spirit, He just as plainly and just as ardently delights in a joyous emancipated surrendered body also." The Word of God Himself tells us this. To those who have not considered the subject, this position and statement may seem sweeping and dangerous, but when one re-examines the Bible, with this thought in view, he invariably finds it to be simply saturated with this, the Healing Gospel,—and this Heal-

ing Gospel *for the Body*. Numbers of desperate and often ludicrous attempts have been made to spiritualize, aerialize, or explain away, every Scripture reference to physical healing and every deed of bodily cure. Many such are set plainly forth in the Bible in words which should not be misunderstood by any intelligent student. But some way, habit gets tenacious hold upon us, and we take the line of least resistance, both in thinking and in action, and the centuries of race-thought and custom, although at times mistaken, are extremely difficult for us to shake off, even though as individuals we may mentally recognize the error in such thought and practice.

If the Church today is really founded upon God, and His Word, then we are face to face with this dilemma of logical consistency. Either turn we take we needs must change our ways. The Church must either take up and embrace this great neglected portion of religion—or else it would appear the Church is virtually discarding the Word of God, from the place of the sanctuary,—for as sure as the Scripture is true, Bible Healing seems to be an essential and persistent and undownable part and parcel of the Book of Books. And the Church and the clergy are facing the answer to the question, "Is the Bible to be believed and followed, or not?" The answer must come soon, because multitudes of cults and isms are springing up on every side, and by use of the dynamic of that very Bible, which these pepole are affirming to be true, they are drawing away the good and regular members of the Church, not only by the thousands, but by the tens of thousands. Thus, they challenge the Church. Ay, they rebuke the Church. They place us where we can no longer straddle the fence. We

must accept the whole gospel or we weaken it all.

It is for this reason that the present work and treatise is ushered in; namely, to make it manifest by the internal evidence of the Book itself, that it is primarily a Healing Book, the Word of God—the Healer, than which there is none other, and therefore, the summum bonum of a suffering, agonizing humanity in physical bondage and pain—as well as spiritual.

The lessons of this Book are in every case grouped about the central truth, and founded on the basic fact expressed in the words, "I am the Lord thy Healer," Ex. 15-26. (Original Hebrew, Jehovah-Ropha) or as translated, "The Lord that healeth thee."

We are now commencing a solemn search to see whether the Bible teaches that God does heal His children. We are examining the pages of God's Word itself, to really find out whether He invariably desires us to trust Him for Healing. We are investigating as with a microscope, a religious field which though it has been so frequently neglected by the modern church that it is practically forgotten, yet it is still a vital issue and is destined to be heard from mightily. It is an issue so full of vitality that it can hardly longer be ignored. Is it too much to hope or ask that if the reader or the student should perchance upon investigation be convinced that Bible Healing is a fundamental doctrine of the Scripture; that salvation of soul and healing of body do go hand in hand, and that both are absolutely required in the full teaching of this Book—he should go forth and practise it and preach it at whatever cost? Is this too much? "If ye know these things happy are ye, if ye do them," says the Great Teacher in the Great Book. It

is the one and only answer to the riddle of life.

Otherwise we deny the Fountain of Life. If one be not willing to follow the truth, and to be guided by the light; to go where God leads him through the compelling power of His Word, then he may as well go no further now, for his conscience will be made uneasy and his life uncomfortable. Glory ineffable waits that soul—and power and joy and prosperity and salvation and healing—who will persist and follow truth.

In the very first book of the Bible God shows His Healing Power. "In the beginning God." He shewed it to the first man whoever prayed to Him in faith and worshipped Him in sincerity and in truth. That man was Abraham. And strange coincidence as it might appear, that first worshipper was named the Father of the Faithful. Without faith it is impossible to please God. But with faith we not only please Him, but we become partakers of all His blessings and all His benefits. God says, "Ask and it shall be given you." "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive." Abraham believed. He was essentially a man of faith. Consequently he obtained promises,—and surely it is significant, that way back here in Genesis, in the first book of the Bible, and with the first faithful Jehovah-worshipper in the whole world, that God Himself should be the one who healed, and who did it directly, instead of counselling resort to earthly physicians, or medicine, if any such thing existed in that day. Long before the great prophet Moses led his people out of bondage in Egypt—yes—long before those people were even in bondage, that primitive-minded, simple, spiritual, faithful man, Abraham, had the vision and the courage to pray to God in

time of need, and thus he made the first discovery that the outcome of prayer actually was "according to your faith, so be it unto you." Thus the first place that the word Healing is ever mentioned in the Bible, is in connection with Abraham and Abimelech. When Abraham was journeying from Ur of Chaldea, he was traveling toward the south, and finally he came upon the little principality of Gerar, over which a prince by the name of Abimelech was the local king. But on account of certain sin in his life, Abimelech was stricken with an affliction and he was sorely disconcerted. He and Abraham had become acquainted. In the affliction of the King, this man of supreme faith, this Father of the Faithful of the world, talked again to God and asked the Lord that his new acquaintance, King Abimelech, might be healed of his affliction, and God answered the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man. As we are told in the 20th chapter of Genesis, the 17th verse, Abraham prayed unto God, and God healed Abimelech. What now can the doubter say? What can the skeptic answer who maintains that the Lord granted healing only in the days of Jesus and His apostles; and only then because of the special necessity of giving stimulus and authority to His new religion? This was four thousand years before the Christian Era. He will surely be compelled to find some better argument than this. The Bible holds God heals out of love and that continually. Abimelech was afflicted, Abraham prayed unto God, and God healed Abimelech. All kinds of arguments, excuses, and evasions will be met with, and the scoffer or the skeptic can always move from one untenable point to another, but the fact still remains that whether it was in the case of a plague or a pestilence, a famine or a disease, an affliction of the body or the soul;

right from the very entrance and beginning of this divine revelation of God's power and love to His people, we are promised and repeatedly told that He did heal His people and He will heal His people whenever they call upon Him in prayer and faith, and when they keep His Commandments—regardless of whether the healing they need, be of body or of soul! Repeatedly these two are put on equal ground, and the blessing equally promised. God's blessings are all appropriated by faith. And this case of Abraham is most inspiring, not alone because it proves from the beginning that God does answer the prayer of faith and does heal the body directly, but because it shows also the unselfishness of the prayer of faith. Moses was not here even asking anything for himself. He was willing to pray for this other man who was almost an enemy and stranger, and had done him a wrong. And God is ever willing and anxious, as this Book will little by little reveal, to answer and fulfill the generous wholehearted believing prayer.

But we need not dwell long upon the book of Genesis, because the whole of the Pentateuch or body of the law, is just as clear and positive upon the subject. Bible Healing stands out in just as bold relief in the lives of all of the great religious leaders, and the glorious fact of it can scarcely be evaded. That God was the Physician of the people of the Bible, cannot be genuinely or sincerely denied. In the only two or three times that the use of other physicians is mentioned in the entire Bible it seems to be shown in even a displeasing and unfavorable light. See II Chron., 16: 12; Mark 5: 25, Luke 8: 43.

In the unfolding of God's providence in the Bible, we find the next book—the Exodus—or the going out from Egypt—to set forth the

most important event in the life of the Jewish nation. Abraham has passed on. The prominent figure now, is Moses. For many a long year, yes and decade, this heroic man is not alone God's only emancipator and saviour to the people, but He is also God's only human instrument in the Healing of the people, and this through faith and prayer alone. Their idea of God was so vague and hazy that they had difficulty in grasping the conception of Jehovah, and consequently He had Moses to stand in His stead, thus to be their Saviour and their Healer. When they left the shores of the Red Sea, just after their miraculous deliverance from the oppressive hand of the Egyptians, they found themselves directly in the wilderness of Shur,—a hot and barren desert of sand and drought. This conglomerate army of travelers for three long days and nights could find no water, and they had no bread. They were famishing of thirst. And finally they came to a place called Marah, and there at last they found water. Ah, yes, water! but when they tasted it, it was poison, foul, and bitter water,—and the people were sick, fainting and dying. What an irony was that, and what a mockery! Water that they could not drink, when perishing of thirst! But here God's emancipator knows the heavenly secret; and without hesitation he asks the Lord in faith for guidance and deliverance and a solution to his problem, and God immediately commanded him to take a tree and cast it into the waters; and that obedient man of faith cast the tree into the bitter waters of Marah,—and they became sweet; and thus Israel's lives were saved. Is there not an infinite significance in the fact that the very next verse contains God's wonderful assurance and promise, "I am the Lord that healeth thee?" Ex. 15: 26.

The bitter waters of Marah in the dreary wilderness of Shur, are nothing more or less to us than emblematical of the dreary barrenness of human hopes and mortal life upon this earth. If we take things as they are—if we look facts in the face, existence is after all a pretty sombre thing. Taken by and large, men and women too, have fairly little in this life to be exuberant over. "Unto the woman, He said, 'I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.'" Gen. 3: 16. "And to Adam He said, 'Cursed is the ground for thy sake, in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life. Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee, and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face, shalt thou eat bread.'" Gen. 3: 17. And it ever has been so.

Passing down the street of any city, and gazing upon the human spectacle that it presents is a rather grim and saddening experience. Even from that dreadful, fearsome hour of childbirth, through the years until the coffin comes, it is a veritable nightmare. Every other face is one of pain. Every tenth man is a cripple. Numbers even of the boys and girls are so pathetically maimed from infantile paralysis and spinal meningitis, that they become most soul-rending to look upon. The deformed, the hunchbacks, the hobbling, limping multitude, the blank and sightless eyes, the twisting mouth, the palsied hands,—to say nothing of the numbers upon numbers who are nursing some secret hidden pain or sorrow, some foul disease or dreadful remorse, or guilt,—some domestic trouble or wretchedness—it is nothing less than heart-breaking to any one with a heart of human sensibility. On the face of things,

the waters of our human actual experience are bitter indeed—bitter as Marah!—the water of death,—and the outlook is not hopeful. No, if you accept the figures of the adding machine only, the resources will not equal the terrible liabilities. God knows the game is hardly worth the candle.

And yet, somehow, from away back yonder in Eternity, God always has a tree,—and somehow, inscrutable to us,—the leaves of that tree are for the healing of the nations, as He said. And so, just as Moses found the Marah waters sickening, bitter and poison, until at the command of God the tree was cast into the waters and instantly they became sweet and health-giving, pure and life-giving; so into our sin-cursed existence, into our dull-gray, sombre and embittered lives the only cure or hope of healing lies in the same provision as before, when from Eternity God provides some Rugged Tree, and it is cast into the bitter desolateness of human life, the leaves of which are for the healing of the nations and the people. Fellow traveler; the only hope that you and I possess of sweetened life, of pardoned or forgiven souls or of restored and joyous bodies lies in that great tree of healing! "Cursed is the ground for thy sake. Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out," is God's verdict for disobedience and sin. Deut. 28: 19. "The Lord shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee. The Lord shall smite thee with a consumption and with a fever, with an inflammation and with an extreme burning," Deut. 28: 22. "The Lord shall smite thee with madness and blindness and astonishment of heart, and thou shalt grope at noonday." Deut. 28: 28. "If thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God." Deut. 28: 15. These are the curses of the law. But

way over farther in the Book, we read God's glad promise that He "hath redeemed us from the curse of the law." I am the Lord thy healer. "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His eyes, and wilt give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have put upon the Egyptians, for I am the Lord that healeth thee." Ex. 15: 26. All these human diseases constitute the age-long curse, yes, but He hath redeemed us from the curse. As David says in Psalms 103: 3, "He forgiveth all thine iniquities, He healeth all thy diseases." Beloved, did not God's plan, then, provide for both?

Moving on to Leviticus, the third book of the Pentateuch of Moses, we find the same. The language here is so formal and so ceremonial that it is more difficult to quote the passages, which prove beyond a doubt that God Himself is the healer and He alone the physician of the people—sometimes to be sure, through means of His spiritual representative the priest—but never through any other means. His rule for the cleansing of leprosy was the same ceremony as ever; the anointing with oil in the name of the Lord, "And the priest shall offer the burnt offering, and the meat offering upon the altar, and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean." Lev. 14: 18, 20. This unequivocally means he shall be healed. In Lev. 13: 8, in connection with a man with boils coming to the priest, the terminology used is, "It is healed." The priest or the Godly man was the only human means used of the Lord. He did the doctoring Himself. He is "The Lord thy healer." And His word is the Book of Healing from very beginning to very end.

In the book of Numbers we again have the Lord Himself handling the serious case of Miriam. The Lord's servant did as He is invariably commanded to do. Moses prayed and cried unto Jehovah, saying, "Heal her, Oh God I beseech Thee." Numbers 12: 13. And then there sounded back to the faithful, righteous Moses that promise coming from the Eternal Voice, which He had heard beside the bitter waters of Marah, "I am the Lord that healeth," if thou wilt keep my statues. "Heal her, Oh God, I beseech Thee," cried Moses. And Jehovah shamed Miriam for a time, and she was shut up without the camp during that time for seven days. And the march was stopped. And Miriam was found completely healed of the leprosy—and then the camp moved on. Truly, the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much, as the Bible says. It has been so, as long as man has existed and has been true and faithful unto God. That healing Book certifies it all.

In Deuteronomy, the last book of the Pentateuch, relating the last days of Moses' life, we find again even more clear and definite assurances of God's intention and desire to heal His righteous children. In this book He distinctly states to the righteous ones the blessed words, "I heal." Deut. 32: 39. "He will be merciful unto His land and to His people." Deut. 32: 43.

From these earliest Bible days, all through Moses' time,—religious people always believed in God, not merely as a Saviour of the soul, but also as a Saviour of the body. This was one of the most blessed fundamental doctrines of Judaism, and if God's people have gotten away from it today, surely they are the losers. Even this earliest portion of the Bible revelation strongly and constantly recognizes God, and

God only, as Creator, Redeemer and Healer of the bodies and the souls of men. Therefore, if we believe in that same God and His true and Eternal Revelation, we must also accept His Word and take up this almost forgotten truth and revive and reclaim it, allowing it to once again do for us what it did for them, viz: to vitalize religion as almost nothing else has been able to do in all the centuries of history. All the rest of the Old Testament is just as full of Bible Healing also as are the Books of Moses.

And so the Pentateuch, the original Book of the Law, closes as it opened, with God supreme. "And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses whom the Lord knew face to face, in all the signs and wonders which the Lord sent him to do." Deut. 34: 10.

BIBLE HEALING IN THE ATONEMENT OF CHRIST

CHAPTER II.

"He cast out the spirits with His word and healed all that were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet saying: 'Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses.'" Matt. 8: 16.

ESAIAS, the prophet, as the voice of God, in his 53rd chapter had said, "He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not. Surely, he hath borne our grief (literally our sicknesses) and carried our sorrows (literally our pains, see Deut. 7: 15; 28: 6, etc. I Kings 17: 17, etc.), yet we did esteem *Him* stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But he was wounded for *our* transgressions, he was bruised for *our* iniquities, the chastisement of *our* peace was upon *him,* and by *His* stripes *we* are healed." And David the Psalmist had also said, "He forgiveth all thine iniquities, he healeth all thy diseases." Ps. 103: 3. Paul says: "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law," Gal. 3: 13. And the curse of the law is sickness and sin as set forth in Deut. 28: 22. It includes consumption, fever, inflammation, blindness, and all the diseases of Egypt, which are written in the Book, and every sickness and every plague which is not written in the Book. This includes asthma, pneumonia, and cancer, appendicitis, small-pox, lameness and in fact

any and every disease on earth. When Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, He redeemed us from the whole body of *ills* that flesh is heir to, and from the whole realm of *sin* that doth so easily beset us. Calvary cancelled it all. He wants us then to have the results, and to receive the benefit. In taking up the gospel of Bible Healing, we get our commission and authority direct from Calvary's cross, and any surrendered soul can get it there.

The object, therefore, of this study is to bring home the clear and unmistakable conviction that God's eternal plan of salvation for despairing humanity, has totally and completely provided for the two great needs of despairing humanity, namely healing for the soul and healing for the body. If one deny either of these provisions does he not invalidate the whole? If he reject one essential does he not set aside all of Christ's atonement? Obviously, such a weighty statement dare not be made without incontrovertible proof. In other words, and without placing any peculiar or strained constructions upon the matter, if Christ's gospel cannot heal the body then can it heal the soul either? This position can readily be proven from the Bible itself. Moreover, it can be definitely proven that the whole Gospel of Christ just as insistently demands the healing of the body as it does the healing of the soul. And it were just as great neglect, Beloved, for the Church of Christ or the follower of Christ to ignore this demand of His, as to ignore the other. Throughout the entire Bible, from beginning to end, there is an apparently inseparable connection between healing for the body and healing for the soul, as will certainly be shown upon re-examination, though in the past, it has been deplorably overlooked.

The Passover Feast, which was the original

prototype of the Lord's Supper, and which was celebrated on the night of Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage, required not only the sprinkling of the blood of the lamb upon the doorposts of the households that were to be saved, as a spiritual symbol, but it also required the eating of the flesh of the Lamb for the physical strengthening and bodily benefit of the same people; and that ceremony was regularly kept right down through the centuries. The sacrament of the old dispensation became the sacrament of the new. "And the Lord Jesus the same night in which *He* was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks He brake it, and said, take, eat this is my body which is broken for you." I Cor. 11: 24. And He took the cup and gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye, *all* of *it,* for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of *sins."* Matt. 26: 27. "He forgiveth all thy iniquities (spiritual), he healeth all thy diseases (bodily)." What could be more plain?

"But let a man examine himself; and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup, for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself not discerning the Lord's body; for this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep." In other words, because some do not discern the Lord's body, that it is broken for their body's healing, and His blood, that it is shed for their sins' remission, and have not been taught their possibility of being healed thus completely through Christ, as a consequence many are weak and sickly among you and many sleep," I Cor. 11: 28. When David said in Psalms 103: 3, "Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits," he had in mind the two great benefits of *spiritual healing* and of

physical healing under which *all* blessings may be classified, for he indicated them in the very next verse, "who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases." But as the Ancient Singer would have us not forget, so Christ Himself would also have us ever remember the *benefits,* of the Lord's Supper. "This do in remembrance." My "blood shed for remission, my body broken" for healing.

Therefore, Beloved, we possess the greatest Gospel that exists in the universe. We have a panacea that will meet the whole need of every man and every woman in the world. In His wisdom and His foresight God's provision is positively perfect and complete. It falls short nowhere, and it lacks absolutely nothing! He who created the world and man, and holds him in the hollow of His hand, slumbereth *not* nor sleepeth, forgeteth *not* nor faileth, and He has not overlooked any of the details of full happiness for His children, or for their entire welfare. Strange indeed it would be if the God in whom 'we live and move and have our being,' God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is the Lord of heaven and earth, neither is worshipped with men's hands as though He needed anything, seeing He *giveth* to all life and breath and all things and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth and hath determined the times before appointed and 'the bounds of their habitation,' strange would it be, if He should do all this, and then be totally *neglectful* of that vital element to our happiness and welfare on this earth, namely, plain, simple health in our bodies, which we must always have with us and always live with. No, Beloved, it could not be. Who could believe in such a God? The history of the Great Physician and the Infinite Healer is just the reverse of that.

He who promised, "I am the Lord thy Healer" way back in the times of Moses, has been *the Lord thy Healer up* to the present moment, and there is no other. Many are the agencies through which He works—but only One Healer; and he who denies to God the glory of all Healing, spiritual and physical, is not worthy to be a disciple. "Thou shalt have no other God before me."

Certainly He is willing and according to Scripture, "He is able to save to the uttermost all that come." Heb. 7: 25. And it is only because they do not come that people are not healed of their diseases or forgiven of their sins, accepting the promise which if they will take in faith and "in prayer believing, ye shall receive."

This phase of the gospel ought to be emphasized in this age just as in the age of the apostolic days. It shines forth from every page of the life of Christ with dazzling brilliancy. It speaks out through every act and every sentence of His life as a voice from the other world. Like a veritable message from the eternal sphere His farewell admonition, to the group of faithful followers rings out with unmistakable clearness, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel * * * and these signs shall follow them that believe * * * they shall lay hands on the sick, and *they shall recover.*" When men preached the gospel in the original church they preached the whole of it, and no diseased person was ever left in perplexed uncertainty as to whether it was God's will to heal him. There was an atmosphere of *confident faith* in this great practice, and that atmosphere went a long way in helping the afflicted to be healed, just as an atmosphere of faith in God's power and desire of forgiveness goes a long way in helping the

person under the burden of sin to be forgiven. More than once Jesus plainly indicated and often directly said that it really depended upon this quality. "Believe ye that I am able to do this?" "According to your Faith, be it unto you." Matt. 9: 28, etc. "Thy faith hath saved thee, etc." Luke 7: 5; 18: 42. This attitude and atmosphere of faith in God's healing, very often enabled men and women to be healed even without the laying on of hands, without anointing, and even without a spoken audible prayer. One woman merely touched the hem of His garment, and straightway was made whole. Matt. 9: 20. And in Acts 5: 14, "Believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes, both of men and women, insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and on couches that *at the least* the *shadow* of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks and them which were *vexed* with *unclean spirits*, and they were healed *every one.*" All of them were healed, without exception! The later deadening conception that the Lord enjoys and desires that some people should agonize and suffer, that His name might be glorified, was not propounded in those thrilling days to discourage the suffering one and paralyze the faith of the sick and so prevent the Lord from healing them. This atmosphere of faith in Bible Healing gave many a non-Christian, the confidence to believe and test it: In the 14th chapter of Acts, we find a man a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked, who had faith to be healed. Paul commanded, "Stand upright on thy feet, and he leaped and walked." Verse 10. When the Gospel of Jesus Christ is fully preached and fully understood and believed with all its bless-

ings, there is just as much assurance and certainty of being healed of disease in body as there is of being forgiven or healed of sin in soul. Denial of this seems totally untenable; and these statements are put forth only on preponderant documentary evidence from the *Bible*, and, therefore, should be safe. Indeed, if faith and earnest desire have any effect on God, it would be even easier to get healing of body than healing of soul, for men are more anxious to be rid of their suffering than of their sins. No teaching in the Bible is more plain or insistent than that of healing through Calvary. No law of God is more dependable or unvarying than this law of salvation for body as well as soul. If men keep the spiritual law it is just as reliable and just as inevitable as any law of physics, or of chemistry. It will operate every time. It is one hundred per cent efficient. But we have been neglecting the spiritual law of faith as Jesus announced it, and consequently have not received the blessings. With the bulk of emphasis laid heretofore upon salvation, or healing of the soul alone, we Christians have, of course, believed this part, and experienced its truth and benefits, and almost every one, even though not a surrendered Christian, believes that he who repents and obeys the Lord, will find forgiveness and regeneration. But the spiritual law for the healing of the body is just as true and as steadfast as the spiritual law for the salvation or healing of the soul. And what Christ made provision for us to have on Calvary is just as available today as it ever was, and that is God's gift of newness of life, both "in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." I. Cor. 6: 20. It is hard to evade. It is hard to get away from. One would almost be compelled to seal the pages of the Bible to ignore it. We can hardly read any

evangelist's account of Jesus and His life without confessing that bodily healing was *one-half* of His Gospel and His work. Matthew, or John, Luke or Mark, or even Paul or James or Peter, one and all, they all agree that healing of the body was a natural accompaniment to healing of the soul.

It is true that one of the greatest reasons why so many people are not healed is because they do not come in faith believing. But faith cometh by hearing Rom. 10: 17. And how shall they hear without a preacher? Ay, there's the rub. The preacher! Where is the preacher today who profounds this gospel? Where is the preacher who teaches and explains it in all its fulness and blessing? Not one out of every *dozen;* or a good deal more.

Why? No one seems to know. It is simply a fact. Perhaps the reason is a self-satisfied sufficiency and a settling in a comfortable rut. It would seem so. But consequently, the people with all their ailing, suffering, afflicted and tortured bodies, as well as their despairing, agonizing souls have not come to clearly understand that the cross of Calvary stands absolutely as a guarantee for their health and happiness here, as well as for their spiritual holiness, now and evermore. And the fault has been all too largely with the preacher. Beloved, if the Preachers of America be awakened and aroused to carry out their moral duty in this regard, we shall see loosed a heavenly blessing upon this world which has not been ever equalled since the day of Pentecost. *God* grant it!

Another reason for the failure of many to get healed is because they do not come with a great steadfast purpose in their heart.

While others are having prayer for healing there are those who are apt to say something like this. "I guess I will have prayer also, I

may get healed." That, of course, is of no avail. A man under the power of sin could never have the faith which is necessary until he determines in his heart, like the prodigal son, to come to the Father.

The absolute prerequisite to securing the promises of God, either for salvation or for healing is a determined attitude of faith and trust. When God has some blessing in store for us and wills a certain thing for us, then we should *will* the same thing for ourselves, and we shall receive "good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over." Luke 6: 38. "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." Ps. 8: 11. It is *we* ourselves, most frequently who stand in the way of God lavishing upon us the good things which He possesses. If we step out of the way, He will come in mighty power and blessing.

A man frequently stands in his own spiritual light. And what Christians need to recognize is that Christianity has been cut in two, divided and parcelled out and that one-half has been pushed behind the veil, and the Church and the preacher and the other advocates of the gospel have fallen short in this respect that they have not seen and have not realized the vital importance and inherent value of that neglected half just behind the veil. But now it is brought out. At last it is before our view, and it is seen to be exactly the thing that was lacking, and exactly the thing that the world was looking for; Bible Healing for the sin-sick soul and for the pain-sick body. What more could an infinite plan of redemption include? It is the summum bonum, the *supreme good,* of Almighty God and His children. What less could a perfect Father devise for His own Universe?

Is it too much to say then that we have discovered at last the heart of this Great Book?

Or that we have found the soul, of this old gospel? Or that we have uncovered the secret, and the eternal purpose of the cross? "I if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me." Jno. 12: 32. We consider the very heart and essence of the gospel to be exemplified in John 3: 16. But we so frequently and tragically fail to connect and link up the preceding verse or two which must inevitably be taken in conjunction with it, as it reads, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness (what for? For bodily healing without the shadow of a question) even so must the Son of Man be lifted up. That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life." Surely, this throws new light upon Jesus Christ's atonement. "Be ye doers of the word, not hearers only." James 1: 22. "As ye go preach, saying the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, heal the sick. Matt. 10: 7. It is the *two-fold* gospel. The spiritual message of spoken words of the Kingdom, and the physical message of healing deeds! Without it we have only half a gospel. It is an amazing fact to contemplate that Jesus Himself never preached without healing, and further, Jesus never commissioned any of His contemporary followers to preach without carefully instructing them to heal. Then there is the third important fact, that His last message on earth required that all future believers should do the same. So we stand on unassailable ground. We have a commission of *infinite* authority and of power. What are we going to do with it? Are we going to build a house on the sand and be among those "that heareth my words and doeth them not," or are we going to build upon the rock, and be among those "that heareth my words and doeth them?" Is Christ's whole religion for us, in short, going to be a fleeting religion of *hearing words;* or is it going to be a

permanent thing of *healing deeds* as well? It is for us to say. "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord, hear the words and do them,

build upon the rock."

No person of faith ever came to Christ *in vain* to get relief from physical sicknesses, when He was on the earth. He never permitted one to go away without healing. So it must be right. He must have desired it to be so. And He is the same yesterday, today and forever. The recurrent report is that "He healed them all." Matt 4: 26. "All that had need of healing." Luke 4: 40. His healing is likewise for *all* today, who will accept, in faith. He tasted death for every man. Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. According to the Book, "I am the Lord, thy Healer."

PREVALENCE IN THE EARLY CHURCH

CHAPTER III.

IT is an undoubted fact accepted by all scholars, and verified by Church History, that the Healing Ministry which Christ and His disciples practised, was regularly and largely continued for several centuries in the early Church. Holiness, Faith, Obedience and Enthusiasm, were at their highest point and accordingly until the Fourth century, or more, the church assumed this primary command of Christ, and faithfully carried out its requirements. In Rome, at the beginning of this 4th century, under Constantine, Christianity became the political state religion. What happened then, to dampen and check the zeal and spiritual power of the church, is a very complicated question. But it would appear as though the same general disintegrating forces which were undermining the moral character of the nation and which ultimately brought about its decline and downfall, were working in the church as well, and sapping it of its virility, faith and zeal. Though outwardly the action of Constantine seemed a triumph for the Church, it was in reality an evil day for Christianity when it became the state religion. The state was growing worldly, immoral, luxurious; and since the people who compose the state are largely the ones who compose the Church, the latter also was losing its original sacrificial martyr spirit. As a result of this, without a doubt it lost its spiritual power,—its faith, and consequently diminished its healing ministry.

This seems the most logical and reasonable

deduction. We know the church did heal—we know she ceased, almost entirely. We know that the nation itself declined through inner disintegration, corruption and sin, and we infer that the same causes also naturally made the Church do the same.

The more important early church Fathers are unanimous in speaking of miracles performed through the Healing ministry.

After the death of Christ even the Bible tells us of several men—some of them not among the twelve apostles—who carried on His healing ministry in the First Century. Paul was one of them. Peter and John and Philip were others. This chapter has especially to do with the immediately succeeding centuries. Men like Justin Martyr, Irenaus, Clement, Tertullian, Origen, Chrysostom, Cyril of Alexandria, etc., testify directly to the practise which was current and wonderfully successful. Justin Martyr (100-165) says: "For numberless demoniacs throughout the whole world and in your city, many of our Christian men exorcising them in the name of Jesus Christ who was crucified under Pontius Pilate, have healed and do heal, rendering helpless and driving the possessing devils out of the men, though they could not be cured by all the other exorcists, and those who used incantations and drugs."

Irenaus (130-200) Adv. Haer (Book II: 4) says: "Wherefore also those who are in truth the disciples receiving grace from Him, do in His name perform miracles, so as to promote the welfare of others, according to the gift which each has received from Him." Then after mentioning several other gifts he says, "others still heal the sick, by laying their hands upon them, and they are made whole."

Clement (150-215) says: "Let them therefore, with fasting and prayer, make their interces-

sions, and not with the well arranged and fitly ordered words of learning, but as men who have received the gift of healing—confidently, to the glory of God." Episc. C. XII.

In his work entitled Ad Scapulam (IV—4. A. D. 212) which is an appeal to Scapula the Pro-consul of Africa to cease persecuting the Christians, Tertullian gives the following incident as an argument.

"Even Severns himself, the father of Antonine was graciously mindful of the Christians for he sought out the Christian Proculus surnamed Torpacion, the steward of Euhodias, and in gratitude for his having once cured him by anointing, he kept him in his palace till the day of his death."

This shows that the Christians of the church were still healing the sick. Again in another connection, "For the clerk of one of them, who was liable to be thrown upon the ground by an evil spirit, was set free from his affliction as was also the relative of another, and the little boy of a third. And how many men of rank, to say nothing of the common people have been delivered of devils and healed of disease."

In the middle of this century, or thirty years later, Origen (241 A. D.) says (Epis. C. XII) "And some give evidence of their having received through their faith a marvelous power by the cures which they perform, invoking no other name over those who need their help than that of the God of all things, and of Jesus, along with a mention of his history. For by these means we too have seen many persons freed from grievous calamities and from distractions of mind and madness, and countless other ills which could be cured neither by men or devils."

A hundred years later Chrysostom (350 A. D.) writing on "The Priesthood" says, "Not

in chastising only, but in benefiting, God has given to Priests a greater power than that of our natural parents, and the two differ as much as the present and the future life differ from each other. For our parents beget us unto this life and the Priests beget us unto that. And our parents can neither avert us from bodily death, nor repulse impending disease; but Priests often heal the soul when it is sick and ready to perish, securing to them a milder punishment and preventing others from falling in any degree, and effecting this not by teaching only, and admonition but by aiding them through prayer. He then quotes James 5: 14-15, showing that he believes in healing both for body and for soul, both for this world and the hereafter.

Roughly, about the year 400, Cyril of Alexandria wrote on "Worshipping in Spirit and in Truth" in which he shows the sin of going to the "Sorcerers" which in the Greek is "Pharmacy"—in sickness and affliction. "Do thou, if thou hast pain in any part of the body and truly believest that the words, "Lord of Sabaoth," and other names of this sort, which holy scripture gives to Him who is God by nature, will be able to put an end to the evil and so help thee, so thou thyself praying for thyself pronounce these words. For thou wilt do better than the sorcerers, giving the glory to God and not to unclean spirits." Then he quotes James 5: 15.

The Church today, Protestant and Catholic alike, count these Fathers as the absolutely best authority we have in the history of the Church of those days. But a portion conveniently forgets their healing testimony of those four hundred years and says healing is "only for apostolic days" and "the day of miracles is past." Well—we may well forget certain

phases of those days, especially toward the closing of the Fourth Century when the Church along with the state was becoming pompous, mercenary and corrupt. But if Christ's command could be and was obeyed for four hundred years after the Apostles, it cuts the foundation away from the skeptic, and we can never truly say again that this command was only for apostolic days. It was for all time, and will be successfully obeyed in any age when the ardent, zealous, faith is restored. It will even have its great Revival in this age!

And the Church will again take up a man's job, and not exert itself with unworthy trifling, as it has done before now, squandering its time in a prolonged controversy over how many angels can dance on the point of a needle.

HEALING TESTIMONY OF GREAT MODERN MINDS

CHAPTER IV.

IT is not only the Old Testament, and it is not only the entire Bible, nor the Early Church, that assures of healing, but scientific thought is now being converted to the Bible position. The process is slow and tedious, and far from being completed. But the hardheaded thinkers of the every day world, as well as the cloistered philosophers, are both at last beginning to say the same thing. Investigators and researchers, chemists and nurses, great physicians and eminent Divines are frequently confessing to this truth.

No less a physician than James H. Jackson, M. D., founder of the Jackson Sanitorium has said, "There is no more reason for a man being sick than a sinner. Jesus came to show us how God forgives all our sins, and heals all our sicknesses."

When such experts acknowledge this Divine ability, why should the layman disbelieve it? If Christ is not able to do as He has promised why do we still give Him our allegiance?

Even that most cold and logical of scientists, Thomas Edison, for whom no one would claim any deep religious sentiment, goes still farther, for he says, "There is absolutely no reason man should ever die. Deathless life is bound to come in time, and through high science."

Surely then a life without sickness would not be out of harmony with a loving Father's will.

That famous writer, H. G. Wells, says: "God fights against death in every form. His supreme goal is the conquest of death."

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death, so says the Bible, I Cor. 15: 26, but surely overcoming sickness is a possible and practical step in that direction.

Lyman Abbott, the well known Congregational Divine, editor of *The Outlook,* and successor to Henry Ward Beecher in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, puts it this way, "I am ever in the presence not only of a great Power, or a great Lawgiver, but a great Healer." He might well have said, "The Great Healer," for there is only one, no matter how many human agencies He may employ.

The German theologian and scholar, Harnack, says: "Jesus does not distinguish rigidly between sickness of body and of soul. He takes them both as different expressions of the one supreme ailment of society." This is the striking fact which is apparent in the gospels, —whether is it easier to say, 'Son thy sins be forgiven thee,' or to say, 'Arise, take up thy bed and walk'? One is as easy to Him, obviously, as the other.

In England last year the Lambeth Conference, of the Clergymen of the Episcopal Church, issued the following courageous statement. "Christians ought to take more account of the recent growth about the power of the spirit and the mind over body, and display an intense faith in their Lord Himself as the source of all Healing, bodily and spiritually and have bolder expectations of such healing power . . for all this is the rightful heritage of all those who abide in Divine fellowship. Our fellowship with one another, not less than our fellowship with God, triumphs over death."

When one great orthodox church thus speaks

out openly and boldly, it is certainly time that the rest of us considered the matter.

Bishop Brent, formerly of the Philippines, and head of all the Chaplains in France, says, "He who waves away the healing power of Christ as belonging only to the early New Testament times, is not preaching the whole gospel. God was and is the Saviour of the body as well as of the soul. He who in Christ Jesus heals by stimulating spiritual faculties to appropriate health, is not dependent on what doctors can do, nor helpless when doctors fail. God is not the last resort in sickness. He is *the first.* He is not only the Physician for the great ills, but for small."

The voice of this man who led the religious life of our armies overseas surely ought to carry weight and authority.

James Moore Hickson, the practical spiritual healer of England, says, "Until the Church reinstates the ministry of healing, it will be a failure and will not be carrying out the work of the Lord. If there was ever a time when there was need for a healing Saviour, it is today."

The Healing Saviour has used this man himself in such a notable way that his pronouncement is worth much. He has had marvelous healing missions around the world.

The great Presbyterian Evangelist, J. Wilbur Chapman, just before he died, himself uttered these words, "I believe the gift of healing is a far greater Divine attainment even than the gift of the Evangelist." And he was one of the greatest of the evangelists. Other evangelists have testified to the untold value of Bible Healing in their work.

R. E. Stanton, one time moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, wrote, (p. 104). "It is my aim to show that the atonement of

Christ lays the foundation equally for deliverance from sin, and for deliverance from disease; that complete provision has been made for both: that in the exercise of faith under the conditions prescribed, we have the same reason to believe that the body may be delivered from sickness that we have that the soul may be delivered from sin; in short, that both branches of the deliverance, stand on the same ground and that it is necessary to include both in any true conception of what the gospel offers to mankind. The atoning sacrifice of Christ covers the physical as well as the spiritual needs of the race. Let the sick and suffering ones therefore among Christ's people, and all others who would be rescued from the pangs of disease, bear in mind that it is just as clearly God's will that they should be healed in body, as it is His will that sins should be forgiven, and that their souls should be sanctified. Ample provision for both is in the death sacrifice of Jesus. The limitation of prayer to those things, "According to His will" has reference to other things than curing disease and saving from sin. Healing the body is not therefore a side issue, as some represent it. It is no more this than healing of the soul is a side issue. They are but parts of the same gospel, based equally upon the same Great Atonement. Both are to be presented to a suffering world to relieve it of its woes— or the gospel is not fully proclaimed as the good news and glad tidings; as the full salvation for all the world."

This is a clear and Biblical statement of the atoning gospel, exactly as it is set forth in the Great Book, and no student of the Bible would seriously gainsay it.

Dr. Frank N. Riale—who has quoted the foregoing, and who is himself a famous Presbyterian protoganist, says, "As long as men have

sickness, God will not allow the precious work of His Son as the Great Physician, to perish from the earth any more than that He is the soul-saviour of the race." Dr. Riale's book upon the Divine Antidote to Sin, Sickness and Death, is an inspiring commentary.

Rev. Henry B. Wilson, the Episcopalian Divine, who is doing such a blessed work is also worthy to be quoted. He says, "We do not possess the whole truth that He came to reveal until we recognize that God is still visiting His people and that His power to heal and to restore is *ever-present* and may be manifested through those of His followers who believe in the truth of that presence and appropriate its power."

John Wesley believed in this ministry and speaks very frequently of it. In his journal, Sunday, October 3, 1756, when he had "a violent disorder," he says, "A thought came into my mind why do I not apply to God in the beginning rather than at the end of an illness? I did so, and found immediate relief; so that I needed no further medicines."

Rev. Wilt, of Trinity M. E. Church, San Diego, Cal., has written a splendid book on his own blessed healing ministry.

Rev. E. L. Tibbals, Pastor of the Homecrest Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, and one of the foremost figures in the Bible Healing movement of today, says, "If the Christian Church is to live and carry out Christ's program it must be both a saving Church and a healing Church." Truly a revival is coming.

A BIBLE STUDY OF SICKNESS AND HEALING

A Convincing Research

CHAPTER V.

"IN the Beginning"—everything very good—no Disease. Gen. 1: 31.

2 Entered through Sin,—"Dying, thou shalt die." Gen. ii: 17.

3 Likewise Death. Rom. v: 12; vi: 23.

4 Satan, Author of Sin. Gen. iii.

5 Disease, part of Curse for Sin, the Fruit of Disobedience and Compromise with the World. Deut. xxviii: 20-22, 27-29, 35, 58, 62, 66, 67; xxix: 14-22; vii: 12, 15.

6 When Israel's education began, God separated from Egypt, promised exemption from Disease, on certain conditions. Ex. xv: 25, 26; xxiii: 12-25.

7 In view of transgressions and disease God provided *not Medical Treatment,* but Healing, through Priestly functions. Lev. xiii, xiv.

8 Medical Science, introduced by Egyptians, first referred to in preservation of the dead. . . . Gen. 1: 2.

9 Fruitless against Plagues. Ex. ix: 8-11, 30.

10 When Israel left Egypt no mention made of accompanying physicians. At outset of Pilgrimage, the Lord proclaimed Himself, Jehovah-Ropheka (The Lord thy Healer) Ex. xv: 25, 26.

11 Disease appeared four times in Wilderness, each time healed by Supernatural means.

a. Miriam's Leprosy—Fruit of Jealousy—Healed through prayer. Num. xii.

b. The Plague—Fruit of Rebellion—Stayed by atonement. Num. xvi: 46-50.

c. Fiery Serpents—Fruit of Discontent. Healed through type of the Cross. Num. xxi: 4-9.
d. The Plague—Fruit of Adultery. Stayed by Judgment.

12 Psalms record Affliction and Deliverance, God always deliverer. Special references. Ps vi: 1-9; xxx: 2, 3; xxxviii; xxxix: 9-13; xl, 1-4; ciii: 1-2.

13 Job, one of oldest records in History, 1520 B. C,, gives Source of Sickness, Divinely *permitted* for self-knowledge. Job ii: 6-7.

Job's self-satisfaction and need of sanctification shown. Job xxvii: 5, 6; xxiv: 14; xxii: 1; xxxiii: 12, 13.

The remedy prescribed . . . Job. xxxiii: 14-30.

Healed at foot stool of Humility. Job. xl: 4, 5; xlii: 2-6. Used in Service.

14 Medical *Treatment* resorted to by Israelites after Solomon's reign, when Egyptian science and culture were introduced; first case of Medical Treatment. II Chron. xvi: 12, 13. Notwithstanding, God *still* Healer of His people. II Chron. vii: 13, 14.

15 Compare origin and treatment of following cases:

a. Philistines. I Sam. v: 6, 12; vi: 1-3.
b. Jehoram. II Chron. xxi: 12-19.
c. Saul. I Sam. xvi: 14-23.
d. Nebuchadnezzar. Dan. iv: 27-37.
e. Naaman. II Kings v: 1-15.
f. Gehazi. II Kings v: 20-27.
g. Hezekiah. II Kings xx: 1, 11; II Chron. xxxii: 24-26.

Inference often drawn from last case—that God prescribes remedies. God calls them "signs," administered by *Prophet,* not physician. Isaiah xxxviii: 7, 8, 21, 22.

Pronounced hopeless. Isaiah xxxviii: 1.

But through contrition and humility came Healing. Isaiah xxxviii: 2, 3, 10-20.

16 Compare following passages showing origin of sickness, and fallacy of mere natural treatment. Isaiah xxxviii: 24; xxxv: 3-6; Jer. xvii: 5; xxix: 16; xxx: 12-17; xxxiii: 6-8; xlvi: 11; Micah. vi: 13, 14.

17 Seeing connection of sickness with sin—remedy coming through confession and submission, or through intercessory prayer and functions of priests—note vision of our High Priest and Redeemer 700 years before He came. Isaiah liii.

Link with prophecy fulfilled. Matt viii: 16-17.

18 Christ's Ministry marked from commencement, by healing all who came to him. Matt. iv, 23, 24; viii: 16, 17; ix: 35; xiv: 34-36; xv: 30, 31; xix: 2; xxi: 14; Mark iii: 9-11; vi: 54-56; Luke ix: 11.

19 Twenty-two special cases are given also on account of special teachings:—

1 Nobleman's Son. John iv: 46-56.
2. Peter's Mother-in-law. Luke iv: 38, 39.
3 Leper. Mark i: 40-45.
4 Paralytic. Mark ii: 3, 12.
5 Ten Lepers. Luke xvii: 12-19.
6 Centurion's Servant. Luke vii: 2-10; Matt. viii: 5-13.
7 Woman Having an Issue. Luke viii: 43-48.
8 Syrophoenican Woman. Matt. xv: 22-28; Mark vii: 24-30.
9 Woman with Spirit of Infirmity. Luke xiii: 11-16.
10 Man With Withered Hand. Matt. xii: 10-13.
11 Impotent Man at Bethesda. John v: 5-17.
12 Man with Dropsy. Luke xiv: 2-9.
13 Blind Man at Jerusalem. John ix.
14 Blind Man Bethsaida. Mark viii: 22-26.

15 Blind Bartimaeus. Luke xviii: 35-43; Mark x: 46-52.
16 Two Blind Men. Matt. ix: 27-31.
17 Deaf and Dumb. Mark vii: 32-37.
18 Lunatic, Blind and Dumb. Matt. xii: 22-30.
19 Lunatic—Dumb. Matt. ix: 32-34.
20 Lunatic. Mark i: 23-27.
21 Lunatic Boy—Epilepsy. Matt. xvii: 14-21; Mark ix: 17-29.
22 Gadarene Demoniac. Mark v: 2-19.
Prophecy thus fulfilled. Isa. lxi: 1-3; Luke iv: 16-21.
23 Christ's farewell words at close of Ministry, returning to His Father, would give world-convincing proofs of His continuance in His disciples. John 14: 12.
24 Betrayed, Crucified, Triumphant over Death, gives parting blessing at Bethany. Matt. 28: 18-20; Mark 16: 15-18.
25 The Comforter, the Holy Ghost carries on the work which Jesus *began*. Acts 1: 1.
26 Physical healing, as much part of Gospel as salvation of soul. Cases of Healing recorded amongst deeds of Apostles. Though Himself invisible, power of the Lord present:—

a Lame man at Beautiful Gate. Acts 3: 1-10.
b Aeneas at Lydda. Acts 9: 32-35.
c Cripple at Lystra. Acts 14: 6-10.
d Paul's own experience of Healing. Acts 14: 19, 20; 28: 3, 6.
e Publius' Father-in-law and others. Acts 28: 8, 9.

27 Secret of Paul's strength. II. Cor. 1: 8-11; 4: 10-18; 5: 4, 5; 12: 6, 10; Gal. 2: 20; Rom. 8: 2.

28 Gifts of Healing, Part of Ministry in early Church. I Cor. 12: 9-12.

29 Through whom continued, after Apostolic Age? James, Bishop of Church at Jerusalem, answers:—Ministry of Healing to be carried on not by Apostles or Physicians, but "elders"—the ordinary office-bearers in every church and age. James 5: 14, 15, 16.

30 If through unbelief, Shepherds of the Flock refuse to obey, (James 5: 14) then God uses Elders in the faith.

31 "Ordinance" of anointing not "medical" anointing. Mark 6: 13.

32 Being Commanded—Shows connection of sickness with sin—continuation of Statute. Ex. 15: 26.

33 Soul and body thus allied, John the beloved disciple, includes both in farewell wishes. III John 2.

34 Gentiles come into blessings of Israel. Gal. 3: 8, 9, 13, 14, 16, 22, 26-29.

35 Finally, Jesus says, "Lo I *am* with you alway!"
He is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Heb. 13: 8.

36 As Risen Saviour, His life is given through the Spirit. Rom. 8: 11.

37 Physical Healing—a fruit of His suffering. Isa. 53: 4, 5, 10, 11.

38 Preparation for translation of His members at His coming. II Cor. 5: 4, 5; Phil. 3: 20, 21.

39 His words are Spirit, and they are Life. John 6: 63.
In view of this, Beloved,
"How is it ye have no faith?" Mark 4: 40.

HIDDEN FROM THE WISE REVEALED UNTO BABES

CHAPTER VI.

JESUS Christ, the preeminent Healer, as well as Teacher, was not the founder of any college or university. He never established or endowed a Research Foundation. He never started a technical school. In fact examining all the Scripture evidence, He never seems to have made higher learning a requisite to success or usefulness in His scheme of things. He never even recommended education as an especially desirable qualification for membership in His Kingdom, nor did He ever concede that the key of Science was the one supreme and dominating factor in the world. All He ever did in this direction was to quietly and simply, teach a handful of followers, the spirit and the few fundamental truths of His religion. And whereas the leaders in important affairs today must naturally be men of culture and education, the leaders in His movement were almost without exception, unlettered and humble men. The propagation of the Kingdom was not bequeathed to college professors, nor was it confined to Doctors of Divinity. Moreover, it has been largely true through the centuries that the tremendous advances in spiritual lines have occured through the agencies of ordinary men and women, and not through the world's wise and prudent ones. Jesus picked no rich and influential members of society to head His cause, or to form His executive committee, such as are invariably chosen today by every large-

scale movement, but on the contrary, He chose a crowd of poor and ignorant and mediocre men. He entrusted the perpetuating of this gospel of love and healing and salvation, to a group of day-laborers and just common people. They were untutored and unschooled, but their faith was great. They had the hearts and the trust of little children and therein lay their secret of usefulness. Such usually have teachable minds. They also have enthusiasm. And thus it was that Jesus passed by the more promising individuals, who had learning, wealth, and prestige, while He appointed smaller men in the world's eyes, but those who were willing to take His teaching and carry it to its conclusion *at whatever cost.* And so it is today. While it does require men of wealth and prominence to build costly structures and erect magnificent edifices, it is not necessary to be such to do the work of Christ and carry out His will. Strange to say, the names that are most intimately associated with advancing Christianity are not the names of wealthy or learned, but rather those of lowly and of consecrated ones.

Thanks be to God the wondrous work of Bible Healing is no exception. It is not confined to those who have been through the famous schools and learned the Arts and Sciences as is the case with ordinary healing, but it is often given to those who have never passed a technical examination nor secured an official license. When God licenses men to do a mighty work, many of the surface formalities of human civilization dwindle into insignificance. Think of Peter asking the Church Conference if he could preach, or Paul asking the Medical Board if he might be allowed to heal! Ah, no, if one be gifted of the Lord to preach or heal all the injunctions of the conference or

the board may not prevent him, and if he be not so endowed, all the universities or the money, all the education or the licenses of society cannot equip him with the real power, though they may enable him to go through the outward and superficial formalities. It were as well for a Board to attempt to license an artist to paint, a sculptor to carve, or a musician to play; but that would be all there was to it, unless God licensed him also. Simple child-like faith, sad to say, is not always vouchsafed to the scholar, but it is essential to spiritual healing none the less, and the riches of grace in Christ Jesus are fully unlocked and revealed to those with the faith of a babe, even though like the disciples of old, they be unlearned and ignorant men.

The pathetic fact which Jesus found so prevalent, and which called forth His most touching, as well as His most sarcastic comment, was that it was the educated and the socially prominent who so frequently talked nice platitudes and self-satisfied theories, but did not do any actual work in promoting the happiness, the righteousness or the comfort of the people. "The pharisees sit in Moses' seat" (interpreting the law), said Jesus, "therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do, but do not after their works, for they say, and do not." Matt. 23: 28. Not he that sayeth Lord, shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth His will.

And He also harshly censured the indifferent and formal representatives of organized religion in the well-known words, "Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men, for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in." Matt. 23: 13. Would not those words of Christ sound strangely pertinent in the Church today? The

sincere though unlearned enthusiast was of far more value in His crusade than the cold, educated and calculating formalist. It has been so in every age. Any movement, no matter how true and inspiring and beneficial, when its founder has passed on, tends in time to become set and conservative, and to care more for the forms and appearances than for the inner spirit and reality. So it is with Christianity. For some centuries it followed Jesus closely—and then it became professional and formal and institutional and conventionalized for a thousand years! Then Luther with his mighty movement, awakened it and shook it into reality again. But now for a full four centuries and more, it has had no vital vision and the Church seems in a lethargic stupor, which almost bids fair to be fatal. This new development of Christianity, the Bible Healing movement, be it stated hopefully is the quickening spirit which can save the dying church. Clergymen of vision receive it gladly, and it proves to be the one thing needful and the "one thing thou lackest." Their churches are marvelously aroused and blessed. The inspiring testimony of the multitude is most encouraging. And where the learned classes hold themselves as being above it, the common people with the spirit of a child, pick up the torch and run on ahead with it. Avowedly it is a crusade! "Verily I say unto you," says Jesus, "whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein." Mark 10: 15. The teaching is as plain as light. God wants to use those messengers who will obediently carry out His commands, but He will cast aside the one who insists upon his own way and method—and that one will wonder why he has not succeeded. "Preach the Kingdom—heal the sick" is the

ever-present all-pervading and dominant note in Jesus' talk and in His actions, and He leaves it to His children to decide if they will obey. The common people, and the child-like spirits are for it—where will the learned and wise ones of the world stand upon the question? The decision for them will mean success or failure.

For the reasons heretofore set down, the revival growth and destiny of Bible Healing, —this wondrous new development of Christianity in this age—this re-discovered ministry, will not depend for its success merely upon earth's influential persons, but upon those of the household of faith, whether they be of high or low degree. Such will take it to all the world. This is the most hopeful and joyous feature about the gospel of Jesus Christ. Its physical healing and its spiritual salvation cannot at all be usurped or monopolized by a privileged class, no matter how wealthy or powerful it might be. Jesus Christ is the great leveler of mankind, and it is by childlike faith alone that any man, be he prince or peasant, can apprehend the blessings of the kingdom, for God is no respector of persons.

The greatest testimonial Jesus had, was that the common people heard Him gladly. As Lincoln said, "God must love the rank and file of homely folks, since He made so many of them."

GATHERING MOMENTUM

CHAPTER VII.

ONE of the most hopeful signs in the world today, and especially for the Churches with the forward look, is the fact that there is a genuine stirring in the hearts of men throughout the earth, for the fuller living up to our high privileges as children of God. In spite of some opinion to the contrary the spirit is moving mightily in these days when the devastating hand of war has shown us how inadequately we had followed Jesus, and how faultily we had built up what we strangely called a Christian World Civilization. Our delusion has now been rudely torn down, and we are back at the foundation. But we have started again. And we have God to thank that the wreckage at least has been taken away and that the scales which have blinded us have been shorn from our eyes, so that we now see the deficiency of what was, and the necessity of the future. While the business world is not yet straightened out, the religious world has already made its new start, in the right direction, and is gaining momentum day by day. The leaders of the Church recognize today as they never saw before, the inadequacy of the merely rhetorical gospel and the supreme necessity of the gospel of deeds, 'Preach the Kingdom, *and* heal the sick'—is a more acceptable idea today than it has been for many centuries. The pathetic masses of the people also are ripe and ready, yea, are yearning with an intense yearning for this gospel to be

put into effect. Actual demonstration of our theoretical principles, is now longed for, and the fast-increasing number of Churches, Pastors, and even laymen, who are investing their lives in this blessed work is ample evidence of the gathering momentum. There is more cause to believe that the Church is now going to step out and claim her prerogatives and utilize her power than for a long time. Yea, she is already doing so! The fact that Churches of every denomination are today conducting these full gospel services,—preaching the kingdom and healing the sick,—without any large or serious objection whatever being registered, is an indication that the mind of Christ is now being seriously considered and followed. From New York to Los Angeles, individual Churches of all faiths are holding Prayer and Healing Circles, and blessed reports are continually coming in from Methodist and Baptist, Presbyterian and Congregational, Episcopalian, and other Evangelical Churches, to the glory of Almighty God. From Japan come wonderful letters, from two independent missionaries, Rev. F. W. Cox and Mrs. Cox, who are there establishing the Bible Healing Gospel, and just as this comes from the press, another missionary is in England. As these two great remaining Empires of the world become innoculated with this crusading ministry, surely, it is one of the great moment's history! Missionaries also who are under the direction of the specific denominational Boards in many places have been joyously telling of the wondrous successful use which the Lord has made of them in healing of the sick in body and in spirit, on the foreign fields, and in so-called heathen lands. These heathen, with an earnestness of soul, are looking for the appearance of the Lord in blessing and in power, and frequently outrival our own

zeal and enthusiasm. May God speed their earnest efforts and their work.

In the last analysis it is this which counts. Facts are stubborn things. The actual healing of a human being from sickness of body; the actual alleviating and dispelling of mental disorder, and the actual saving of his soul as well as the healing of his awful worry and his poverty, are very difficult to argue against, and are surely the highest kind of Christ service. Though this book is not a catalogue of personal testimonials, it can vouch that such things are repeatedly and continually being done through the Bible Healing movement.

NO HOPELESS CASES

CHAPTER VIII.

THE question is often asked, Are there any hopeless cases? The Bible replies.

No. The answer is categorical. There are none whatever. The Bible says in Matthew 19: 26, with God all things are possible. And certainly we are all in the hands of God. The Bible says in Matthew 17: 22, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, nothing shall be impossible to you. Jesus had the great vision to readily admit this. There are no hopeless cases. It would be exactly as sensible for us to have presumed to say a short time ago that never in the world would men be able to fly up in the air; or to say that men could never be heard a hundred miles by radio without any apparent connection, or that men could never run a boat under the sea, as to say that there is no hope for a sick individual. We blink facts. It would be more graceful if we would swallow our pitiful egotism, and frankly say we do not know what wonders are in store for us, just behind the veil, either in the scientific or in the spiritual realm. That would allow the Creator some standing room in His universe, which is denied to Him when we humans so emphatically air our views as to what is impossible. Almighty God can do all things. If there is no hopeless soul before God, then there is no hopeless body either. Nothing is impossible with Him. He can pull down the

strongholds of Kings and can set up humble children into places of supremacy. He can transform a hopeless and miserable soul—and He can likewise renew a wasted broken body. His methods of work are many and varied and often little understood, but He is still absolute controller of this universe, and of everything and everybody in it. There is no man so tough that He cannot forgive and regenerate him and there is none so sick that He cannot heal. There is no man so poor that He cannot make him rich, none so sad that He cannot make him glad. He is all—in all. All things are yours. And Faith is the key. Whoever you are, wherever you live, whatever affliction may be yours, God says that it is not incurable and that He can heal you. And the first and only step you can now take is to turn to Him, surrender yourself to Him, trust in Him, and follow Him. Skepticism and doubt are the most killing things in the world. Faith, trust, hope and belief, are the most life-giving things. Doubt is destructive, but faith is constructive. No man could build a worthy edifice on doubt, but many an heroic soul has built a noble and eternal house on Faith—and frequently on Faith alone! God does likewise.

Faith means conviction, plus determination. If a man has that God will step in and enable him to do the impossible. He will enable him to overcome the incurable disease; to change the incurable poverty; to surmount the incurable worry or sorrow—to conquer the incurable sin. God only, can do this. And He can do it only through faith. So that while the doubting, unbelieving skeptical man is almost an impossible person, the believer of great faith owns the world. All things are his.

He shall have the desires of his heart. These things are not myths. These things are in the

realm of mathematical, demonstrable fact. And until the individuals in the church in a humble and childlike spirit acknowledge the potency of these things, the church is only 50 per cent efficient—like the popular automobile chugging away on two cylinders.

OBJECTION AND INSTRUCTION

CHAPTER IX

IN face of all the testimony of the Bible, and of experience, it is constantly necessary to answer certain objections and to have certain spiritual instructions, Jesus Himself foresaw and foretold these things. There are six stock objections frequently met, and three main instructions to be always regarded:

1. The first objection is that people would not die if these claims were substantiated! Well, without doubt, the time will come as the Bible says, when people will not die. But in this age of little faith they do and will continue to die. Yet this is no argument against being well and happy while they live. God now sets bounds to human life (Ps. 90: 10) and He also says that strength shall be accordingly (Deut. 33: 25) and then like Moses we should pass out painlessly and beautifully.

2. The second objection is that in giving us material agencies, drugs, etc., God expects us to confine ourselves to them. This is not true. Cocaine, whisky, opium, morphine, etc., are concocted by man himself, and that for profit, and they are not recommended in the Bible. God *alone* is recommended, and is successful.

3. The third objection is that such healing sometimes fails. Of course, it does! So it did with Jesus. But why? Lack of faith, and that alone. Does other kind of healing always or even usually succeed? The awful rate of youthful mortality answers the question. Bible

Healing is always successful where the faith of the person is sufficient.

4. The fourth objection is that as God Himself sends the sickness to purify us, we ought to meekly bear it. Then why ever call a doctor? *Never once* is that propounded in the Bible! The whole philosophy there is the opposite. "I wish above all things, that thou mayest prosper and be in *health,* even as thy soul prospereth. III. John 2."

5. The fifth objection is that the day of miracles is past,—that God did these things only in Jesus day to give the church power and to help it become established. Not so! Bible Healing was practised centuries before Jesus, and continued centuries after Him, as He desired it to do. Then, with loss of faith, it ceased. But the church greatly needs that power and faith today!

6. The sixth objection is that Christian Science, Spiritualism, etc., claim the same cures. What of it? Jesus refused to stop other men besides the twelve from healing. He said, "He that is not against us is for us." Luke 9: 50. By their fruits ye shall know them. Yet Bible Healing is quite different from Christian Science,—is the safest and most enduring of any cure, either for body or for soul.

These are the chief objections, and they may be thus readily met. The spiritual instructions however as to personal qualifications for success in this blessed healing ministry are not so readily met, mastered, and fulfilled. They are not many; they are not hard to grasp; but they are often difficult to attain. Jesus says, "Be ye doers of the word, not hearers only." "Not he that sayeth—but he that doeth . . "

I. The first instruction is this. Have a happy, confident, Godly life. A consciousness that you are God's own messenger, and that you

are specifically sent to do His will and that therefore you can do it and must do it, will help you to overcome all obstacles. Holy confidence and Godliness is the first and great essential without which you cannot succeed and possessing which you could not possibly fail. God will heal you, if you have it. He will also make you a channel of healing.

II. The second point of instruction is this. Have a purified and gracious personality. This is extremely important. Egotism or uncouthness will be fatal, even to an otherwise Godly soul. One must be pleasant and dignified, like his Master, speaking with quiet, magnetic authority, without arrogance or ostentation, for he possesses the power of truth and holy love. And these require no noisy champion. They justify themselves. *Purity of purpose produces powerful personality.* Ever remember this truth.

III. The third instruction is this. Have a fully surrendered preparation. Whether you seek healing for yourself, or desire it for some one else, you must be *prepared,* by an acquaintance with the one Book of Healing, the Bible. You must surrender and sacrifice any other distracting things in order to get this vital preparation. "Leave all and follow me," Jesus said. But it is the heart which must first be surrendered to God. In short, Godliness, Personality, and Preparedness, are the great essentials to success in this holy, sacred ministry. Just as a soldier going out to battle who must above all things have the first and great essential, namely: courage, nevertheless would be greatly handicapped if he did not also possess endurance, and then also have ammunition, so the true adherent of Bible Healing must have a confident Godliness to begin with, and should also have a pure and gracious Personality, and then a fully surrendered and definite Prepara-

tion in this wondrous field. Many other things are desirable,—these are indispensable.

This great movement and ministry is already rapidly enlisting in its sweep a large, important and ever-increasing body of Protestant ministers and laymen who firmly believe in the efficacy of united prayer for the healing of the body according to God's Word. Bible Healing also holds that the healing of the mind and soul is the first great step in the healing of the body, and works in the same spirit as the CHRISTIAN medical profession, in fostering a Christian faith which in the last analysis looks to the Great Physician, our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The main object of the Bible Healing Movement is to restore the lost art of spiritual healing through faith and prayer — Jesus preached and healed—His disciples did the same. We, as His commissioners, must go out and do the same. In the words of the ninth chapter of Matt, verse 29, etc., and also over in Matthew 18: 19, we have the blessed assurance of success, and the untold wealth of power.

A vast multitude of God's people have in recent years drifted into the various cults and isms that have sprung up overnight. They have moved away from the old Gospel truth. They must be brought back and made to see that the Christian Church believes in saving and healing.

Bible Healing is the proper and rightful fire of the evangelical Church. Christ Himself gave it this fire. Therefore, we must stand united and against erroneous winds of doctrine which today are pulling at so many of God's people. Christ commissioned the Church to do this, and thus originated the slogan, "Preach the Kingdom—heal the sick," and this shall once

more vitalize the Church! The very imagination thrills at the wondrous task.

The purpose and plan of the Bible Healing idea is to get the churches of the Christian faith to urgently teach and preach concerning this forgotten Gospel truth, and further to definitely and publicly carry on this labor of love where the sick may come and be blessed and prayed for. The hour has struck! The time has come for the real Crusaders of Christ to step out and preach the full-orbed Gospel. The *exactly* central verse of the Bible is this: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases." By faith, we are saved—by faith we are healed. This movement has marvelously stimulated every church which has taken it up. It will do the same wherever tried.

In starting this revival, the Pastor or leader should first preach on the theme—and then after the discourse, gather together all who favor such a movement in the church. A judicious presentation of the subject ought to bring almost unanimous approval since the project is so soundly based in Scripture. When favorable sentiment has once been registered, the Pastor's sanctified judgment, assisted by the outlines given will guide his action. The best time to start is the present. The work is for all faiths, and interdenominational. Let all join in daily prayer for a revival and restoration of God's Healing Power through Faith and Prayer, with the Bible as the one authority and guide.

TECHNIQUE FOR THE MINISTRY OF BIBLE HEALING

CHAPTER X.

IN the ministry of Bible Healing, when all is said and done; when one has reached the certainty in his own mind, that as a disciple of the Lord, he must utilize this sweet and joyous blessing; and when he has also mastered the unanswerable authority of Scripture for this ministry, then he comes face to face with the direct question, What must I do? How shall I begin?

The actual method to be employed, or the technique, so to speak is a matter for careful consideration, and very thoughtful study. The Bible is to be our constant and unerring guide. Let us make no mistake. We are living in a rough and ready world, surrounded by hard and stubborn facts. We find as a prelude to our entrance certain actual conditions, which are difficult to overcome, and we find that God-minded people with whom to work are not always so easily found. We are living in a society which to an amazing degree has an erroneous earth-born philosophy. Recent history has proven this. Civilization is organized upon a strangely unscriptural theory and basis, even as Jesus realized. "For they loved the praise of men, more than the praise of God." John 12: 43. Like Asa of old, II Chron. 16: 12, "In our disease we seek not to the Lord" for our healing and our strength. This is true in the diplomatic and political realm, as well as the physiological. We have been educated and taught through years of professional pro-

paganda that when anything is wrong with us either in body, in mind, or in the soul, that all we need to do is to resort to some mechanical or scientific conjuration and everything will straightway be made right. We are often told that we are simply a piece of machinery and that consequently, if a burr flies off we must put it on again, if a lever drops down we lift it up, or if a valve falls open we must push it shut. The difficulty lies however in the fact that too frequently in the process prescribed, we impair the rest, or else destroy the whole. And the dominant fact to be borne in mind is that man is not a mere piece of machinery, but a great deal more. To the spiritually-minded, and the Christian, man as a Being, is Divine—and not mechanical,—and just here is where we part company with much of so-called modern science. God comes in, with that which is in the scientific world, "The unknown quantity."

But because scientists to a very large degree in the past succeeded in getting a materialistic conception into the habits of public thought, to say nothing of legislation itself, by their frequently unnatural propaganda, we must not be surprised when we find our Christian labors hampered and at times our work moving slowly. We must adjust ourselves to these facts of life. Modern science seems to have gotten some kind of magic control of society, so that when an institute today claims to prolong human life by merely mechanical or scientific processes, it seems to thrive and prosper. Accordingly, so-called modern science sometimes makes it difficult for carrying out the Lord's work, and the Scriptural commands of Bible Healing. Science is no respector of persons. However, as followers of Christ we must exercise patience, because the world is overcome and healed by Faith.

However, there are frequently to be found Godly scientists and medical doctors who even call for spiritual assistance right in hospitals, and the Devotions in the following pages are exactly fitted to such a case.

Now and then a very important question which comes up is this. Should the sacrament of the Communion of the Lord's Supper always be observed in connection with this sacred ministry? Generally speaking, and in theory, Yes! It is a most beautiful and a most significant accompaniment, without a doubt. Our bodies quickened by partaking of His body! In actual practice, however, it is oftentimes not possible.

First. Because oftentimes people who know something about the Lord and who believe in Him, as far as they are able, are still in great ignorance as to the requirements of religion and the demands of Christian discipleship, and consequently are not yet ready for church membership, though they are in an attitude to be presently instructed, and soon received into the church.

Second. Because frequently one may be called upon, especially in the home, to exercise the healing ministry when it is inconvenient or impractical to have the sacred elements at hand. And this should not in any degree hamper or hinder the exercising of the wondrous ministry of healing.

Third. Because there is a tendency, in having the Holy Communion too frequently, to lose sight of its peculiarly sacred meaning, and to fall into the way of "not discerning the Lord's body," although we ought always, when partaking of it, to remember the double purpose of His atonement, "This is my blood shed for the remission of sins (of the soul) Matt. 26: 27, "this is my body broken for you (for the heal-

ing of your bodies) I Cor. 11: 24. "He forgiveth all thine iniquities, He healeth all thy diseases." Ps. 103: 3. "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sickness." Matt. 8: 16. And so we should have certain stated occasions when Healing Prayer should accompany the large public ceremony of partaking of the Lord's Supper. These things will be made plain, and our minds will be illuminated by the Holy Spirit Himself, who as you go on and progress, will guide you into all truth; a spirit of judgment and wisdom and discernment will come, and the sanctified common-sense which God gives to His own, will permeate the work as it develops and enlarges. It will, of course, seem a little new and strange at first, merely because the church has neglected it so long, but it soon comes to be as natural as any other ecclesiastical practice, and it also brings a spiritual ecstacy and exhilaration; a joyful definiteness to the pastor's work, which nothing else has ever brought, and it further produces a zeal and adds an interest in the meetings such as is almost incredible. There may be an exceptional ministry here and there, one in a hundred, perhaps, where the church is already full, and the interest keen, and which does not therefore feel the need of this other half of Christ's Gospel, but in the ninety and nine gasping and waning parishes, this is the quickening spirit that will save the dying church. As testified in the Bible, Acts 5: 14, this is the original blessing which brought believers to the Lord and multitudes, both of men and women into the church, and its power is not lessened in this day as is being proven continually.

As a matter of course, any of these suggestions to leaders or pastors as to the method or technique in public meetings, presuppose the fact

that the ground has been prepared, and that the people have been led up to the movement judiciously and wisely, because out of the first two or three such healing meetings in the church, there should naturally grow a definite and regular feeling that it is an integral and natural part of the church life. The midweek meeting will thus come to be known as the Bible Healing Prayer Meeting. When requests are made for prayer, the Pastor need not be the only one to pray for the suppliant although others should rather modestly limit themselves, and refrain from much speaking as Jesus counseled. Thus this ministry will be blessed. It is the most comprehensive and practical schedule that Christianity has yet evolved. In that it has taken up the fundamental command in obedience to Christ, it has a true mission and a lasting destiny promised it from above, which will inevitably eclipse the purely temporary successes of the greatest so-called Healing Cults.

The Churches which have begun this and gotten under way are giving the most glowing reports and showing the most wonderful enthusiasm, and other pastors and churches are daily and hourly displaying an interest and an ardor which is almost beyond believing. The midweek meeting may well be transformed into a Healing service, and this can be conducted with dignity and great power. The attendance will be enlarged and a spiritual dynamo constructed which will give great impulse to the whole church. Nor should it be confined to healing of the sick alone. The perplexed, the sad, the lonely and the condition of poverty can all be healed by ardent prayer and meditation. And much attention should be given to the Healing Silence. In all our hustle and excitement, just waiting, on the Lord is of untold

value. If He be trustworthy we can renew our strength by waiting on Him. Is. 40: 31. Heart-healing is the secret of all, for out of it are the issues of life. Surely, the Church must give it now. The hour is struck. That church of whatever denomination which will now join the ranks of those who are taking up this full-gospel ministry will receive a power and a spiritual blessing before undreamed, besides seeing the joy of sick ones restored to health. "Now is the accepted time, Behold, now is the day of salvation." II. Cor. 6: 2, for the church. Oh, may she, like the good Samaritan, embrace the great opportunity. Go thou and do likewise, said Jesus, in His day; or, in the language of the modern American, "Get on the job."

SECTION II.

The Services

A Suggested Healing

SERVICE FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

I.

(The service shall be opened as follows)

ORGAN PRELUDE

MINISTER. I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. (Ps. 122: 1.)

People. This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118: 24.)

Minister. The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him. (Heb. 11: 20.)

(After a few moment's pause Minister shall say Prayer of Invocation)

Almighty and most merciful God, we greatly rejoice in Thy bounteous love and we acknowledge our own unworthiness of it. Too often we have strayed away from Thy paths of righteousness, and we have followed our own worldly inclinations and desires. But, Thou, O Lord hast invited us to come boldly unto the Throne of Grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help, in time of need,—and so we now claim Thy promise. In penitence and Godly humility we pray for pardon and peace of soul, and for health and restoration of body. Heal us, O Lord, for Thy mercy's sake; we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray.

(Congregation Joining)

"Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us

this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

(The *Minister and People* shall then say the Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA.

RESPONSIVE READING—Psalter.

The Minister shall then say:

Hear the Public Scripture Reading
for the Day.
(For special day of month, with prayer,
See pages 133 to 177)

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MUSIC—(To follow Public Scripture Reading and Prayer).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERTORY

HYMN—From Healing Hymns.

SERMON

HEALING SILENCE—Calm Affirmations.

BENEDICTION—To be spoken slowly by Minister.

A Suggested

SERVICE FOR BAPTISM

II.

The Minister shall say:

MY beloved Child in Christ, inasmuch as our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, becoming an example unto us, submitted to being baptized with water, and admonished us that except we also be born again of water and of the Holy Spirit, we could in nowise enter the kingdom of God,—having come here in the presence of these witnesses to obey and fulfill this solemn obligation, as well as to enjoy the blessings of this symbol of the washing of regeneration, let us look to God in prayer.

Almighty, loving and merciful Father, we humbly ask Thee for this child of Thine that he may receive forgiveness of all his sin and total and complete regeneration. As water doth purify and cleanse the body so wilt Thou through the symbolical use of this water, purify and purge and cleanse the soul of all unrighteousness of thought, of motive, and intent. Give us a new vision of the sacredness of human life as we accept these deep and solemn obligations, and as we promise a new and deeper devotion to Thyself, and a forsaking of our sins, may we have a real, deep, and vital experience of the washing of regeneration.

(In the case of a young person, the minister shall read this.)

LISTEN to the narrative of Jesus in the Gospel, (Mark 10: 13) And they brought young children unto Him that He should touch them, and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it He was much displeased, and said unto them, "Suffer the

little children, to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven. Verily, I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God *as* a little child, he shall not enter therein." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them and blessed them.

Beloved, do you both assume the right and the obligation of Christian discipleship. and do you promise to rear *him* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Answer. I do.

(In the case of an adult, the minister shall read this.)

LISTEN to the narrative of Jesus in the Gospel. (Jno. 3: 1.)

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto Him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher, come from God, for no man can do these miracles that thou doest except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born, when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God; That which is born of flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit.

Beloved, being born of the spirit do you assume for yourself the obligation of Christian discipleship, and do you promise to renounce your sins and live a true and Godly life, through Jesus Christ, your Saviour?

Answer—I do.

Then shall the minister say, as he baptizes the person.

M.—I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. And now may the peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your heart and mind, your body and soul in the love of God and in perfect health, and harmony with Him. In Jesus' name. Amen.

A Suggested

SERVICE OF ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

III.

The Minister shall say:

DEARLY beloved, hear the words of the Holy Communion: (I Cor. 11: 23.) For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread.

24. And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take eat; this is my body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me.

25. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

26. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

27. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

31. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

32. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

33. Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

34. And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

Dearly beloved, whereas acting in His name and by His authority, I am now to give to you these elements, representing His own blood shed for remission of sins of your sinning soul, and His own body broken for the healing of your broken body,

LET US PRAY FOR GOD'S BLESSING.

Blessed Master of us all, it is with truly penitent hearts that we would come unto this Thy feast. Help us to examine ourselves and purge us of all iniquity, so that we shall not come to thy table unworthily. Grant that we may truly discern the Lord's body, which was broken for our physical restoration, and His blood which was shed for our spiritual re-instatement. May we fully accept His Calvary Atonement as meeting all the necessities of our needy humanity—both for body and for soul. And being healed in body and forgiven in soul through Him who carried our sins and bore our sicknesses, may we not suffer nor longer pine away, but rejoice and be exceedingly glad and praise Thy name in strength forevermore. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Beloved,—

Take this token of our blessed Lord's body, broken for your body's healing. In remembrance of His death, eat now and evermore the

bread of life which cometh down out of heaven of which if a man eat he shall hunger no more.

(Each person shall respond as follows:)

I accept now this token of my blessed Lord's body, broken for my own body's healing. Commemorating His death, I shall eat now and evermore the bread of life which cometh down from above, that I shall never hunger any more, even as He said.

The Minister shall say:

Take this token of our blessed Lord's blood, shed for remission of your sins. In remembrance of His death, drink now and evermore from the spring of living water, welling up into eternal life, of which if a man drink he shall never more thirst.

Each person shall respond as follows:

I accept now this token of my blessed Lord's blood, shed for remission of my sins. Commemorating His death, I shall drink now and evermore from the freely flowing fountain of life, that I shall never thirst any more, even as He said.

(The minister shall here serve the bread and wine, either in person or through the elder officers at the altar, or if quite impractical, in other places as the privacy of home, hospital, battlefield or other where. A verse of a hymn is here appropriate.)

Then the Minister shall say:

Arise, and go in peace, and the blessing of God go with you. May we imitate that former company which upon completion of the Lord's last supper, sang a hymn and went out.

HYMN—"Blest be the Tie."

BENEDICTION.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shep-

herd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Make you perfect in every good work, to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

A Suggested

SERVICE FOR MARRIAGE

IV.

WE are assembled my beloved, in the presence of God, and of these people, to unite this man and this woman in the bonds of Holy Marriage. It is a situation to be held sacred and in all honor by us, as it was by Christ and His disciples, and therefore must be entered into carefully, prayerfully and deliberately. If any one knows of any reason or impediment standing in the way of a lawful marriage of these people, he is challenged *now* to tell it openly.

If either of you possesses any such knowledge or belief you also are now challenged to tell it openly. . . No one showing any cause of hindrance, before God we believe the way is clear, and the sacred ceremony will proceed.

But first, let us ask Divine approval.

O Lord of Life, and Love, Thou hast created this attachment, and this desire of these people to live together. Bless and purify them. Guard and sanctify them, and teach them the spirit of Christian sacrifice and yielding, for the sake of love, and give them Thy benediction now and evermore. Amen.

M.—Wilt thou take this woman to be thy loving, lawful wife, and promise to live together in harmony and love, loyalty and honour, as it is evident God intended so to be?

The man shall answer.

I will.

N.—Wilt thou take this man to be thy loving lawful husband and promise to live together in harmony and love, loyalty and honour, as it is evident God intended so to be?

The woman shall answer.

I will.

Then shall the Minister say:

The man and woman joining hands shall each pledge their troth, repeating after the minister.

I, M.—take thee N.—to be my lawful wedded wife. I promise to love you and to cherish you, in loyalty and purity, in whatever circumstance of life, as God Himself intended it to be.

Hands to be loosed, and clasped again.

I, N.—take thee M.—to be my lawful wedded husband, I promise to love you and to cherish you, in loyalty and purity, in whatever circumstance of life, as God Himself intended it to be.

Loosing hands, the man shall give the woman a ring.

The minister shall then take it, returning it to the man, who shall put it on the third finger of the woman's left hand, saying after the minister:

With this ring I wed thee, with all my love, I do endow thee. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Minister shall say:

I pronounce you man and wife. And may the blessings of Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, smile upon you, and so favour you, that your lives may be a constant benediction, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

A Suggested

SERVICE
FOR HEALING INTERCESSION
V.

The Minister shall say:

DEARLY Beloved: Forasmuch as all men are subject to the infirmities of the flesh, and such infirmities are a source of constant burden and vexation; our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ hath both by example and precept clearly taught us that it is our privilege to be well and strong, both in body and in soul, He Himself having taken our infirmities, and borne our sicknesses, according to the Scripture, I beseech of you with me to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of His bounteous goodness He will grant to these persons present that health of soul and of body for which their spirit longs and that they may be anointed with the Holy Ghost, and thus may be made well and strong.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Giver of health and strength, and Helper of all who look to Thee, we now come to Thee in behalf of Thine afflicted children; we pray that Thou wilt mercifully look upon these, and by Thy Spirit impart the healing virtue by which they may be rid of their infirmities, and may be enabled to glorify Thee in their bodies and in their spirits, which are Thine. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say:

Hear the words of the Healing Bible.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me; bless His Holy Name. Bless the

Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. Ps. 103.

And when Jesus was come into Peter's house. He saw His wife's mother lying sick of a fever. And He touched her hand,—and the fever left her; and she arose and ministered unto them. And when even was come they brought unto Him many possessed with demons; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all that were sick; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the Prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. (Matt. 8: 14-17).

And He called unto Him the Twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and He gave them authority over the unclean spirits. And they went out, and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them. (Mark 6: 7, 12, 13).

He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto the Father, and whatsoever ye shall ask in my name that will I do that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name I will do it. John 14: 12.

Then the Minister shall speak to the persons to be prayed for, thus:

Well-Beloved, you are here desiring to receive Healing of God; you have prayed with us, that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to bless you; to release you of your bodily ailment, and to impart unto you of His

own full life. You have heard also, how He hath promised in His Holy Word, to grant and do all those things which we have prayed for; which promises, He for His part, will most surely keep and perform.

Therefore, upon these promises made by our Lord, you also must faithfully, for your part, promise and answer to the following questions:

Questions and Answers:

Do you unreservedly yield yourself, spirit, soul, and body, all you are, and all you have, to the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour from your sins, as your Comforter in your sorrow, as your Healer of your infirmity?

Answer: I do.

Do you unqualifiedly believe that the Christ who healed the sick when here on earth is the same today, and that He is able and willing to heal you?

Answer: I do.

Is it your desire just now to be prayed for in the Name of the Lord, that you may thus obey Him, and that He may bless and heal you?

Answer: It is.

Then shall the Minister say,

O God, we beseech Thee in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; for the healing of this mortal body, in accordance with Thy Covenant. Amen.

(Then the Minister shall offer an extemporary prayer, embodying the individual's need, or the following formal prayer.)

Merciful Father, heal this thy penitent and grateful child, and may he henceforward go in peace and strength and health. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

A Suggested

SERVICE OF DEDICATION
for
THE HEALING MINISTRY

VI.

The Minister shall say:

STAND forth and hear ye the sacred Scripture of Jesus Christ your Saviour.

Luke 9: 1. Then he called his twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all devils and to cure diseases.

2. And he sent them to **preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.**

3. And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves nor scrip, neither bread nor money, neither have two coats apiece.

4. And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide and thence depart.

5. And whosoever will not receive you when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them:

6. And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

Now inasmuch as Jesus did strictly command the disciples of His day to practise the full and double gospel,—to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick; and inasmuch as those disciples did strictly obey Him, going through the towns preaching the gospel and healing everywhere; and inasmuch as you are here and now signifying your own determination to likewise strictly obey His commandment; hear ye the further gospel.

1. (I. Cor. 12: 1.) Now concerning spiritual gifts, Brethren, I would not have you ignorant.
2. Ye know that ye were gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.
3. Wherefore, I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: And that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.
4. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit.
5. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.
6. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.
7. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man, to profit withal.
8. For to one is given by the Spirit, the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same spirit;
9. To another faith, by the same Spirit; *to another* the *gifts* of *healing* by the same Spirit.

Averring and confessing that God hath done this, as He said, are you prepared to undergo the solemn obligation and weighty responsibility of being a Minister of Healing, as provided in the Bible, and to avow a blameless life? (I am).

Let us pray.

Father of all Mercy touch Thou Thine obedient servant with a coal from off Thine altar, that his life may flame and blaze with fire for Thee and for Thy cause. Make him a veritable crusader. Give him a very passion for saving the souls of men, and for healing their bodies. Grant unto him and unto them to whom he ministers that faith which shall remove mountains and which shall make men

perfectly whole. Touch him and bless him and sanctify him and guide him into all truth, in this blessed, sweet and holy service, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

John x: 1-15.

1. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and robber.

2. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name and leadeth them out.

4. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

5. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of strangers.

6. This parable spake Jesus unto them; but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

7. Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you I am the door of the sheep.

8. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

9. I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

11. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

12. But he that is a hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the

wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth; and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

13. The hireling fleeth, because he is a hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

14. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

15. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Auditors and witnesses, you have heard this one's avowal, to preach the gospel and to heal the sick, and to live a blameless life. Will you dedicate him (her) a Bible Healing Minister (or a Bible Healer). What say you? (We will.)

To the Candidate:

Will you diligently obey the Bible and keep the precepts and harmonious spirit of this Gospel? (I will.)

You are then to kneel and be anointed, and dedicated to this great office. See thou keep it worthily, as becometh a good servant of Jesus Christ, to whom you shall one day give account.

(Here the candidate will kneel and receive anointing, with laying-on-of-hands in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.)

FOR THE

HEALING ELDERSHIP

INASMUCH as our Lord Jesus Christ while here on earth Himself continually practised this Bible Healing Ministry, and since He repeatedly gave commandment to and through His Disciples and Pupils and Elders, for the

perpetuation of this blessed practise in the world and Church, therefore, we also as true and faithful disciples ought to well attend the Scriptural requirement. Luke 9: 1. "Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils and to cure diseases. And he sent them to *preach* the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick."

Following in all good conscience this commandment, we do therefore in this solemn place, and now openly and publicly, proclaim you, who hast already shown yourself a true and faithful follower, and do here appoint you, a Healing Elder, set apart in full surrender, to be used of God in this blessed Bible Healing Ministry, and require that you accept the office now, and openly in public. Do you so accept. (I do.)

Take this office then and receive now authority to carry out this work of Elder and to obediently pray for the Healing of the sick. In the blessed name of Jesus of Nazareth. Amen.

Let us pray.

Healer of the human soul, and healer of the body; Jesus Christ, who maketh men whole,—we invoke Thy blessing and Thy Healing power upon this Holy Elder. And let him be found ever faithful through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Suggested

SERVICE FOR FUNERALS

VII.

JESUS said, I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. John 11: 25.

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Even so saith the spirit, for they rest from their labours. Rev. 14: 13.

The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord, Job. 1: 21. We brought nothing into the world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. I Tim. 6: 7.

I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. Job. 19: 25.

Lord make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days what it is. Ps. 39: 4.

90th Psalm

1. Lord, thou hast been our dwellingplace in all generations.

2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

3. Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

4. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

5. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep; in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

6. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.
7 For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.
8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath; we spend our years as a tale that is told.
10. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.
12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
13 Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
15 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us,. and the years wherein we have seen evil.
16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.
17 And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea the work of our hands establish thou it.

1st Cor. 15: 20-28

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.
21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
23 But every man in his own order: Christ

the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

24. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule, and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, All things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

28. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

Commitment

Inasmuch as Almighty God hath removed our beloved brother from our midst, we now commit his body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, but know this to be only a shadow of the reality and that the now corruptible shall put on incorruption and the now mortal shall put on immortality.

Almighty and most merciful God receive him and us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

A Suggested

SERVICE OF RECEPTION
Into Membership

VIII

QUESTION. What is your name?

ANSWER. M.—or N.—

QUESTION. What is your duty?

ANSWER. To love the Lord my God with all my heart, and love my neighbor as myself.

QUESTION. Knowing its difficulty, will you solemnly undertake and promise so to do?

ANSWER. With God's help, I will.

QUESTION. What is your belief?

ANSWER. My belief is on the Lord Jesus Christ that I may be saved.

QUESTION. What is your hope?

ANSWER. My hope is in God.

QUESTION. Do you believe in Jesus Christ as the full atonement for both your sickness and your sin, and in Bible Healing wherein Christ is Saviour of the body, as well as of the soul?

ANSWER. God being my witness, I do so believe.

QUESTION. Do you accept Him now for this complete and full salvation?

ANSWER. I so now accept Him.

QUESTION. Do you declare upon your honor that you will truly represent Him and that you will ever ardently and faithfully advocate His Healing Gospel?

ANSWER. I so declare upon my honor.

If candidate for ministry, this additional question should be asked and answered in the affirmative.

QUESTION. Do you solemnly swear upon your sacred oath that while you are a member of this ministry you will preach His gospel and heal the sick both together, as He said, always and everywhere, propagating this ministry unceasingly, thus obeying the requirement of Jesus' Gospel.

ANSWER. As God is true, I will.

You will place your hands upon the open Bible and repeat after me, while we call God to witness:

Searcher of every heart, Tryer of every soul, Reader of every mind, my motives are an open book to Thee, Thou seest the deepest depths of my soul. Show me if there be any falsity in me. Root out any fickle unworthiness. Hold me as a certain anchor to these my solemn pledges while my life shall last. May I never permit myself under any circumstances to break my vow, or to dishonor Thee by indolence, forgetfulness or deliberately, but always and at all times, in season and out of season, actively to push and advocate this Healing Gospel. So Help me God.

Let Us Pray

Almighty and most merciful Father, Look down upon us as we wait before Thee. In our own strength we have at best the power of weakness; but in Thee, O Lord, do we put our trust. Thou canst make us strong and true and faithful, to all our obligations. Thou canst give us that zeal and ardent passion to propagate Thy Truth and to bring men and women and little children to Thy feet and to the glorious realization that Thou dost have a full and saving gospel, for the body and the soul, sufficient

for all our needs. Thou forgivest all our iniquities, Thou healest all our diseases. Thou hast sent us out saying, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel, . . and these signs shall follow them that believe, They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. The prayer of faith shall save the sick and God shall raise him up. Thy manifold promises are for the whole man—certain and sure. Consecrate us now, and set us apart for Thee. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Service of

Healing Hymns

To Old Tunes

I.

JUBILEE HYMN

Tune—Harwell

1. As with thanks and adoration,
   Now Thy people come to Thee,
   Holy Father let Thy blessing,
   Crown this year of jubilee.
   Freed from sin, our souls victorious,
   Freed from pain our bodies whole,
   Life is now existence glorious,
   Healed in body and in soul.

2. Lord of Hosts whose sway victorious,
   Countless worlds and space enfolds,
   Angel throngs Thy sceptre glorious,
   Own and bless while cycles roll,
   Ceaseless there the echoes ring,
   Glory to our Lord and King.
   Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

3. Friend of friends, whose love excelling,
   Drives our doubts and fears away,
   In our souls the gloom dispelling,
   Sheds the hope of endless day,
   Thine the balm for hearts that weep,
   Thine the care that knows no sleep,
   Bending o'er beloved Israel,
   Thou Thy faithful vigils keep!

4. God supreme, the just and holy,
   Jesus tender friend and true,
   Holy Ghost our guest abiding,
   Three in one all ages through.
   Thee the church proclaims her King,
   Thee we serve with glad acclaim.
   Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

—Mother Benson, Portland, Oregon.

* *Words in Italic are substituted*

II.

HEALING HERALDS GO

Tune—Ye Christian Heralds

1. Ye Healing Heralds go proclaim,
The gospel truth in Jesus' Name,
To every creature take it all,
Withhold it not from great or small.

2. These signs shall follow them that trust,
For He has promised and they must,
Sin shall be pardoned, sickness healed,
His untold power you shall wield.

3. He'll guard you on the risky road,
And help you with your heavy load,
Give joy to soul and strength to limb,
If you but faithful prove to Him.

4. Ye Healing Heralds speed away,
And work His work while it is day,
And heal the sick as He commands,
And preach the gospel to all lands.

III.

HE SAYS HE WILL HEAL ME

Tune—For You I Am Praying

1. I have a Master, a Healer and Saviour,
A friend who can help me when everything fails,
And He my Companion in loneliness cheers me,
I've found I can trust Him when naught else avails.

CHORUS.

He says He will heal me, He says He will heal me,
He says He will heal me, His word I believe.

2. I have a helper of infinite power,
And infinite strength which I need for the fray,
He touches my soul and my body with healing,
And in Him I have life abundant today.

3. I've a Redeemer who bought my deliv'rance,
Who bare all my sickness and sorrow while here,
And since my redemption, was paid for and purchased,
Then why should I pine, suff'ring year after year?

4. I have a happiness, health, and abundance,
With Him as my Healer, I all things can do,
I now sing His praises, enjoy all His blessings,
Belov'd will you take Him as your Healer, too?

IV.

WE'RE TRUSTING IN JESUS

Tune—Marching to Zion

1. Come ye that trust in God,
For meeting all your needs,
We'll tread the path the Saviour trod,
We'll tread the path the Saviour trod,
And live in golden deeds.
And live in golden deeds.

CHORUS.

We're trusting in Jesus,
He is the life-giving Jesus,
We're trusting ever in Jesus,
Our Healer and Saviour and Guide.

2. O could we always do,
The things the Master taught,
And could we preach the healing faith,
And could we preach the healing faith,
All else would count but naught.
All else would count but naught.

3. We look to Him ourselves,
For healing saving power,
And then go forth to give it out,
And then go forth to give it out,
To others hour by hour,
To others hour by hour.

4. So may we ever live
That others seeing us,
Will know that we are healed and saved,
Will know that we are healed and saved,
And Jesus lives in us,
And Jesus lives in us.

V.

O HEALING LAND

Tune—Beulah Land

1. I've reached the Mount of trust in God,
I fear no more the chast'ning rod,
For living in His cloudless day,
I find all fear has passed away.

CHORUS.

O Healing land, sweet Healing land,
As on thy lofty peak I stand,
I look around, and joy I see,
I hear from glad souls waiting me,
The happy shouts of victory,
The healed and saved eternally.

2. The Master comes and talks to me,
And gives me joy where'er I be,
He takes away the sin of soul,
And makes my body fully whole.

3. O sweetest gift of God to man,
Devised by His most loving plan,
Through Jesus Christ, Who makes me whole,
In body, as in mind and soul.

4. That land is just, before your eyes,
Your hand today may have the prize,
For health and joy eternally,
Are yours if He is within Thee.

VI.

O CHRIST TO LIVE

Tune—All Hail the Power

1. O Christ to live as Thou didst live,
And always doing good,
Not serving self but giving all,
Dispensing heavenly food.

2. O Christ to think as Thou didst think,
And have a holy mind,
To plan the burdens to be borne,
For all of humankind.

3. O Christ to teach as Thou didst teach,
Rising above men's creeds,
To preach the Kingdom, heal the sick,
And help men in their needs.

4. O Christ to walk as Thou didst walk,
With men where'er they be,
In noisy cities, troubled lives,
Or quiet Galilee.

5. O Christ to pray as Thou didst pray,
With sweating blood all night,
Availing prayer which got response,
And changed the gloom to light.

6. O Christ to love as Thou didst love,
Where hatred is so rife,
A love so great that for our sakes,
Thou didst lay down Thy life.

7. To live, to love, to work, to pray,
To preach as well as heal.
This is my aim, O Christ of God,
This is my highest weal.

VII.

TO HIM FOR EVERY NEED

Tune—My Hope is Fixed

1. My hope is fixed on Him alone,
For me in full He does atone,
He gives me freedom from all pain,
He saveth me from sin and stain.

CHORUS.

To Him for every need I pray,
In Him my lack all fades away,
In Him my lack all fades away.

2. Since I have Him to live is joy,
Without Him life was base alloy,
And since this new life I began,
He now decides my every plan.

3. He brings me joy when I am sad,
In sorrow Jesus makes me glad,
In sickness He restores to health,
And gives my soul the highest wealth.

VIII.

FORWARD HEALING SOLDIERS

Tune—Onward Christian Soldiers

1. Forward Healing Soldiers,
   Hasting far and near,
   Take this Gospel message,
   Quelling every fear,
   Tell men if they trust Him,
   Seeking Him in prayer,
   God will heal and save them,
   And their burdens bear.

2. On ye Healing soldiers,
   Going as to war,
   Versus sin and sickness,
   Whether near or far,
   Sorrow will be banished,
   Poverty decrease,
   Come a reign of gladness,
   With the Prince of Peace.

3. Charge ye Healing soldiers,
   'Gainst the hosts of doubt,
   Smite, O Lord, indiff'rence,
   Put Thy foes to rout,
   Fulfill all Thy precepts,
   Seal Thy promise now,
   Save and heal Thy children,
   Who believe Thy vow.

IX.

CHRIST OF MERCY

Tune—Rock of Ages

1. Christ of Mercy, died for me,
   May I find myself in Thee,
   May Thy body and Thy blood,
   Sacrificed for all men's good,
   Free my body and my soul,
   From their ills and make me whole.

2. My Redeemer, Great is He,
He has power to set me free,
Both from sin and also pain,
Leaves me not in either chain,
Since He promised full release,
I have health and perfect peace.

3. While we play this double role,
Living in body and soul,
We must have Thy fullest aid,
For this life which Thou hast made,
So Thou gave Thy flesh and blood,
For our soul's and body's good.

4. Lamb of God, the sign remains,
Passover of Egypt's chains,
Blood to save and flesh restore,
Soul redeem and body cure,
One atonement makes me whole,
Both my body and my soul.

X.

MIGHTY GOD OUR HEALER

Tune—Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Holy, Holy, Holy, Mighty God our Healer,
Night and morn, and all the day,
Our praise shall sound to Thee,
Thou dost make us Holy, Thou dost heal our weakness,
Mighty Saviour, Healer,
Blessed One in Three.

2. Holy, Holy, Holy, Mighty God our Healer,
Words and works Thou didst perform,
And ever made this plea;
We must ever follow, always preaching healing,
We must give Thy gospel,
Thine own reality.

3. Holy, Holy, Holy, Mighty God our Healer,
  Thou dost trust Thy servants true,
To carry forth Thy cause,
  Thou dost give all-power,
There is none outside Thee,
To the ones who love thy truth,
  And obey Thy laws.

XI.

IN THE CROSS OF JESUS

Tune—In the Cross of Christ

1. In the cross of Jesus trusting,
  Sin and sickness are atoned,
Why should we then go on pining,
  For the blessings which He owned?

2. Since His healing and forgiving,
  Are vouchsafed us evermore,
Dying has been turned to living,
  Sin and pain need be no more.

3. Faith is all He asks or urges,
  Trusting prayer, for everything,
Riches, health and joy and pardon,
  Faith in Christ will truly bring.

4. Crown of life, supreme contentment,
  All are mine but to receive,
When I give allegiance to Him,
  When in Him I do believe.

XII.

COME EVERY HEART

Tune—Come Every Soul

1. Come every heart bowed down with pain,
There's healing with the Lord,
For He will now restore again,
When we but trust His word.

CHORUS.

O believe him, just receive Him,
For your healing now,
Flesh and spirit, we inherit,
Both He does endow.

2. For Jesus' body and His blood,
He gave on Calvary.
He bare our sickness and our sin,
To make us fully free.

3. Forgiving sin, healing disease,
Are promised both of God,
And Christ was always doing this,
As through the earth He trod.

4. So preach the gospel, heal the sick,
He oft was wont to say,
Not only then, but to the end,
I am with thee alway.

XIII.

FROM CALVARY'S RUGGED MOUNTAIN

Tune—Greenland

1. From Calvary's rugged mountain,
Comes down the voice of God,
For all mankind I suffer,
And now endure the rod,
My blood shed for remission,
My body bruised for cure,
To give you full deliv'rance,
I did the cross endure.

2. The pledge was voiced by Moses,
   In those old ancient days,
   I am the Lord thy healer,
   To keep in all thy ways,
   As Moses raised the serpent,
   To heal the dying men,
   The Son of Man is lifted,
   To heal the race again.

3. And David voiced the promise,
   Man's hope and pledge from God,
   He pardons all thy sinning,
   He bears for thee the rod,
   He heals all thy diseases,
   And makes thee fully whole,
   So we now have a gospel,
   For body and for soul.

4. O glorious full gospel,
   For body and for soul,
   Mankind may now accept Him,
   And be made fully whole,
   O child will you not trust Him,
   And take Him at His word,
   Receive Him as your Healer,
   Your Saviour and your Lord?

XIV.

I THE LORD THY HEALER

Tune—Guide Me O

1. I the Lord thy Healer shall be,
   I the truth that makes you free,
   I am All in All unto Thee,
   Nothing is done without me,
   Healing Saviour, I shall make thee fully whole.

2. I have kept thee in all ages,
I do not forsake my own,
Prophets, Priests, and Kings and Sages,
Have found healing at the throne.
Common people, peasants too, are just
the same.

3. O my soul then now receive Him,
When He promises thy weal,
O Disciples don't reject Him,
When He urges thee to heal.
Go ye forward, preach the Kingdom, heal
the sick.

XV.

PREACH THE KINGDOM, HEAL THE SICK

Tune—Jerusalem My Happy Home

1. A dozen stalwart men and true,
Did Jesus choose of old,
To give His Gospel to the world,
While all the ages rolled,
Explained to them His Word and work,
Urging to keep it quick,
To preach the Kingdom, so He said,
And also heal the sick.

CHORUS.

Go preach the Kingdom, Heal the sick,
Was His own great concern,
Today also, we too must go,
And that great lesson learn.

2. A century went by and still,
The Word of Jesus held,
The martyrs of the early church,
Performed their duty well,
Four hundred years and then alas,
The church became corrupt,
And so the healing dropped from sight,
The change was quite abrupt.

3. But preach the Kingdom, Heal the sick,
Was still His Law and Word,
The church in failing His command,
Was faithless to her Lord.
Now twenty ages have elapsed,
Two thousand years gone by,
He still insists the church obey,
And do His will, or die.

4. A million million souls await,
The preaching healing Lord,
The church must make the supreme choice,
If she will heed His Word,
Oh, as for me, and for my house,
We now will serve His cause,
The gospel all complete will give,
And keep all of His laws.

XVI.

COME UNTO ME

Tune—Saved By Grace

1. Come unto me, ye weary soul,
The voice of Jesus calls to you,
Too long you've paid the fearful toll,
Of false concepts instead of true.

CHORUS.

But I will give you peace and rest,
From sin and sickness, doubt and fear
If you will change your life with Me,
For joy complete without a tear.

2. Come unto Me ye heavy lade,
   His voice to you is sweet and low,
   Take up My yoke, and learn of Me,
   For I am meek and love you so.

3. Come unto Me, and have your rest,
   Your lot is hard, but Mine is light,
   And I will take, and heal your life,
   I'll guide you through the darkest night.

XVII.

THE VOICE OF JESUS

Tune—I Heard the Voice

1. The voice of Jesus sweetly said,
   My child come follow me,
   Go preach the kingdom, heal the sick.
   So I will be with thee.

2. I heard His voice, but waited long,
   Not seeing need of haste,
   But thousands died in sin and pain,
   And then I saw the waste.

3. The voice of Jesus said again,
   My child one thing you need,
   Your spirit must be born again,
   Before My voice you heed.

4. A deadly illness came to me,
   And wracked this frame of mine,
   But for His Grace I would have passed,
   Beyond this realm of time.

5. In that same hour there came to me,
   An all-pervading calm,
   And Jesus took control, and He,
   Has made my life a Psalm.

6. And when once more that Voice returned,
Repeating its sweet word,
"Go preach the kingdom, heal the sick,"
I now obey my Lord.

XVIII.

WHEN I RECALL

Tune—When I Survey

1. When I recall the wondrous love,
Through which my Lord atoned for me,
When through the suff'ring world I move,
I think how He could set them free.

2. If only they would trust His Word,
Only believe He is the same,
They would have pardon from the Lord,
They would have healing through His name.

3. Suff'ring and want would all decrease,
Sickness and sin be done away,
Contentment through the Prince of Peace,
To them would come without delay.

4. His love includeth every man,
His healing is for you, for me,
There's no exception to His plan,
He maketh soul and body free.

5. O Jesus, to Thee, then I come,
With nothing of my own to bring,
I lay my every merit down,
And accept Thee, as my one King.

XIX.

SWEETER STILL IS JESUS' LOVE

Tune—My Lord and I

1. On earth true love is stronger,
   Than any other tie,
   The love of mother, wife and child,
   All others passes by,
   It is so joyous and so free,
   So gentle, pure and mild,
   Yet sweeter still is Jesus' love,
   For me His child.

2. O earthly love is pure and strong,
   Yet sometimes bringeth pain,
   But Jesus' wondrous healing grace,
   Pardons your sins again.
   It cures your poverty and pain,
   As sun makes winter end,
   For sweeter still is Jesus' love,
   For you His friend.

3. When earth and heaven meet and merge,
   And both have love as one,
   When Jesus' gospel fills the soul,
   And shines out as the sun,
   O sweet and precious is the love,
   Then to us on earth given,
   And sweeter still is Jesus' love,
   From God in heaven.

4. Then fellow trav'ler let us pray,
   His offer not to lose,
   Betwixt the old life and the new,
   Let us now quickly choose,
   Healing in body, pardoned soul,
   A peace not known before,
   And sweeter still His love Divine,
   For evermore.

XX.

THE GREAT CRUSADE

Tune—Awake My Soul

1. Crusaders for the Lord today,
O speed and haste ye then away,
On you one burden He hath laid,
To heal, and preach, the Great Crusade.

2. Go then and preach the Great Crusade,
In battle armor all arrayed,
The task which through the prayer of faith,
Shall heal and save the sick from death.

3. O Soldiers of the Lord today,
March forward teaching men to pray,
Since Jesus full atonement made,
Go forth and preach the Great Crusade.

4. The Saviour makes you fully whole,
From ills of body and of soul,
On Calvary the price He paid,
And so we preach this Great Crusade.

5. Time is at hand, God's hour is struck,
The vision gleams to those who look.
The Church must preach and heal today,
Ere others take its power away.

6. Go preach the gospel, heal the sick,
The loving Master urges quick,
Let all men know on us is laid,
The burden of the Great Crusade.

7. At last when a Crusader been,
I hear Thy voice to enter in,
I'll say I've not my trust betrayed,
For I have preached Thy Great Crusade.

X.
SERVICE OF HEALING SERMON OUTLINES
(Guide for Each Sunday of the Month)

I.
THE PLACE OF BIBLE HEALING IN THE CHURCH

I speak concerning Christ and the Church
Eph. 5: 32.

First Sunday Morning

CATHOLIC'S and Protestant's Original Points of View.

a. Peter, according to the Catholic faith, was foundation of the church.
   Peter was a Healer. See Acts 3.
b. Christ, according to Protestant faith, was foundation of Church.
   Christ was a Healer. See Matt. 9.
c. Paul, at any rate, as recognized by both, was the supreme minister and missionary of Christianity.
   Paul was a Healer. See Acts 14: 10.

Therefore Bible Healing was an original essential.

2. The *Founder* of our Church repeatedly insisted that it be practised. "My Church."

Matt. 4: 23.	Mark 16: 15.
Matt. 10: 1.	Luke 10: 9.
Matt. 10: 7.	John 14: 12.
Mark 3: 14.	

3. The lapse is not an argument against, but *for* its present revival.
   a. Fifteen centuries with no demonstration.

b. The days of healing were the days of power.
c. The present impotence must be turned into power.

II.

THE BASIS OF THE BIBLE HEALING MOVEMENT

I Pet. 3: 15

Be ready always to give an answer, to every man that asketh you a reason, of the hope that is in you.

First Sunday Evening

UNIVERSAL Unrest and Dissatisfaction Today.

a. Spirit of world conquest, etc.
b. Social and Industrial Strife.
c. Individual Dissatisfaction.

2. The Breakdown of Other Methods.

a. League of Nations, Genoa Conference.
b. Socialism, etc.
c. Individual Efforts. Christian Science, etc.

Ethical Culture, Psycho-therapy.
Life Extension Institute.
Pelmanism.
Ouija Boards, etc.

3. God wants Healing for His children.
How do we know?

a. He has said so, time and again.
b. He Himself has done it, time and again.
c. He is blessing the effort everywhere.

III.
EXAMINING THE SUPERNATURAL ELEMENT IN HEALING

I Cor. 15: 44

There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body

Second Sunday Morning

THE materialism which denies the supernatural is false.

a. The philosophy of Saduccees was incorrect.
b. The Pharisees' philosphy was correct, though their acts may not have been.
c. The materialist of the present has a basic misconception.

2. Both religion and life are replete with the supernatural.
   a. We find it all through the writings of the Bible.
   b. We see it constantly in the History and Literature of the Race.
   c. We experience it in nature and in our own lives.
3. Only believers and not skeptics, could get help from supernatural Healing.
   a. This would be the natural conclusion of logic.
   b. This is the direct teaching of Jesus. According to thy faith. If thou cans't believe.
   c. This is the purpose of the advocacy of the system,—to make doubters believe in the supernatural, and to get believers into active faith instead of passive.

IV.

WHY ANY OPPOSITION TO BIBLE HEALING?

John 7: 23

"If a man on the Sabbath Day receive circumcision that the law of Moses be not broken, why are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole—on the Sabbath day?

Second Sunday Evening

I GNORANCE of the Matter.

a. Ignorance of what the Bible teaches.
b. Ignorance of its methods.
c. Ignorant of its general benefits.

2. Prejudice against it.

a. Often result of ignorance.
b. Sometimes it is a dislike to get out of rut.
c. Often a Religious prejudice.

3. Ulterior interest.

1. Economic interest.
2. Pride and Prestige.
3. Professionalism.

V.

BIBLE HEALING TRUSTWORTHY IF THE BIBLE IS TRUE

Isaiah 5: 5-11

My word shall not return unto me void

Third Sunday Morning

IS the Bible true?

a. The test of truth,—Is it possible?
b. Is it reasonable?
c. Is it proven?

Then it is true for you.

2. Is Bible the Word of God?

If the Bible is true, then there is a God, for it says so.

But is this Book His highest actual word?

a. It states that it is.
b. Its content shows it is.
c. What other book rivals it?

3. Do you put your trust in God's Word.

a. Do you believe God is all powerful and true?
b. Do you believe God loves His children?
c. Then you must believe He will heal.

If these questions are answered by you thus in the affirmative, then the conclusion is inevitable that you must believe in Bible Healing, for it is all there, line upon line, precept upon precept, and the principal burden of that Holy Book is healing of body and of soul. If you believe that the Bible is not true, or that it is not God's Word, or if you do not put your trust in it, God can do nothing for you, neither can this book.

VI.
HEALING OF SICKNESS AND FORGIVING OF SIN

Mark 2: 9

Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee, or to say, arise take up thy bed and walk?

Third Sunday Evening

THE scoffer is ever with us.

a. Skeptics in the scientific realm criticized Columbus, Cyrus Field, etc.
b. Skeptics in religious realm. *i. e.*, Paul accused of being mad.
c. Skeptics in realm of Philosophy. Hounded Socrates.

2. Scoffers' pretext is changed for the occasion.

a. I told you so—or silence.
b. Critics objected because He helped the soul while helping the body. Today, vice-versa.
c. To obstruct is always easier than to construct.

3. Bold Christian treatment puts skeptic to rout.

a. Jesus put both acts (pardon and healing) on the same basis.
b. He put all life on this same spiritual basis.
c. He expects His followers so to do.

VII.

GOD'S PRIMAL INSTINCT OF HEALING

Ex. 15: 26

I am the Lord that healeth

Fourth Sunday Morning

FALLACY of "Essential Virtue in Suffering"

a. The idea presupposes a cruel God.
b. Such would be an unthinkable being.
c. It contradicts the Bible Teaching.

2. God's virtue is in the same point as man's ideal virtue, viz: Goodwill.

   a. Earthly Father wants children to thrive in body.
   b. Earthly parent desires well being of child's soul.
   c. Then Heavenly Father resembling earthly Father desires welfare of body and soul.

3. The Divine intent for the ideal state of man, is Life Abundant.

   a. God intends His children to be joyful, not sad.
   b. He looks upon a world of healthy people as very good.
   c. Jesus came to get it for them.

VIII.

IMPOSSIBILITY OF PREACHING CHRIST'S GOSPEL WITHOUT THE HEALING

Matt. 7: 21

"Not he that sayeth . . but he that doeth

Fourth Sunday Evening

CHRIST never preached without healing.

a. Statement astounds the laymen.
b. Also surprises theologians.
c. Bible record proves it. See Cruden's Concordance "Preach" Matt. 4: 17, Matt. 11: 1, Mark 1: 38, Luke 4: 43 "Preaching" Matt. 9: 35, Mark 1: 14, Luke 8: 1, Luke 11: 11. These are all the recorded instances of Jesus' Preaching.

2. He never commissioned anybody else to preach His gospel without commanding them to heal. Matt. 10: 1, Matt. 28: 19, Mark 111: 14, Mark 16: 15, Luke 9: 1, Luke 10: 1. These are all the instances where He commissioned anyone to preach His Gospel.

3. No true representative can refuse to do as He did and directed.

a. We are ambassadors of Christ.
b. We must obey the Bible.
c. We must be found faithful.

IX.

THE SECRET POWER OF THE MIRACLES OF HEALING REVEALED

Matt. 17: 20

Prayer and Fasting

Fifth Sunday Morning

THE disciple with no power

a. Contradictory phrase.
b. Why do we not get results today?
c. Where the church falls down.

2. The way to become endued with Power.

Tarry ye until ye be endued with power from on high.
Luke 24: 49

a. We try to generate the power in ourselves.
b. Human wisdom or cleverness is not power.
c. The only source is On High.

3. Prayer, the avenue of Power.

a. Prayer is not saying words to God.
b. It is not merely asking something, but getting in harmony with Him. Secret prayer.
c. The sacrificial value of fasting also.

X.

PHARISEES RELIGION OF FINE WORDS INSTEAD OF HEALING DEEDS

Matt. 23: 2

The scribes and pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All things therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not after their works, for they say, and do not.

Fifth Sunday Evening

THE virtue of obedient faith.

a. The Pharisees had their value.
Interpreted Moses Laws.
b. Law and order necessary.
c. We must be obedient to law.

2. But Faith without works is dead.

a. Pharisees had the law but not the dynamic spirit.
b. Right knowledge without right action is worse than not knowing.
c. Danger of a religion of words and not works.

3. Bible Healing transcends Oratory.

a. World is not saved by speeches.
b. Soundness, not sound, is the world's need.
c. Church must begin to practise what it preaches.

SECTION III.

The Devotions

The Public, Personal, and Topical Devotions can naturally be used interchangeably, thus giving a large variety and an extensive service.

PUBLIC SCRIPTURE READING WITH PRAYER

FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH

GEN. 1: 1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2. And the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep, and the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3. And God said, let there be light, and there was light.

4. And God saw the light that it was good, and God divided the light from the darkness.

5. And God called the light day, and the darkness called He night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Read also Genesis 2.

Meditation—Having God, the Maker of light, my spirit this day is bright.

The Daily Prayer

Oh, Thou who art the Light of Life, who art from everlasting to everlasting; into our lonely, cold, and somber lives Thou dost send Thy shining warmth and radiance. Thou hast said to our pining souls, Let there be light—and thanks be to Thee, there is light. For God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us. He healeth all our diseases. And we now accept Thee in full surrender, and we are now saved and healed for Time and Eternity. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SECOND DAY

Ex. 20—1. And God spake all these words saying,

2. I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3. Thou shalt have no other Gods before me.

4. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

5. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them. For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.

6. And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

7. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

9. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work.

10. But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son nor thy daughter; thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates.

11. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day. Wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day and hallowed it.

12. Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

13. Thou shalt not kill.

14. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
15. Thou shalt not steal.
16. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
17. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Read also Deut. 32.

Meditation—The law of God is most joyous, when we accept and understand it.

The Daily Prayer

Almighty God, our Father, help us to keep Thy statutes. Thou hast promised life and peace, for faithfulness and obedience. We trust in Thee, and will do Thy will, and live in Thy light. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THIRD DAY

Prov. 3—1. My son forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments.
2. For length of days and long life and peace shall they add to thee.
3. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee, bind them about thy neck, write them upon the table of thine heart.
4. So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.
5. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not on thine own understanding.
6. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.
7. Be not wise in thine own eyes,—fear the Lord and depart from evil.

8. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.
9. Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase,
10. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Read also Eccl. 12.

Meditation—All that I have I give to God, because all that He has He gives to me.

The Daily Prayer

Majestic and Eternal God, worthy of all honour and adoration, we delight to do Thy will and keep Thy law, Redeemed from sin and sorrow, disease and iniquity, our hearts do praise and magnify Thy name. Thou art our strength, and song, and life,—our only Saviour, Healer, Friend. Help us to go forth from this time on, in health and pardon, joy and peace, laboring for Thee in Thy great harvest field, And Thine be all the praise. In Jesus' name. Amen.

FOURTH DAY

Isaiah 12—1. And in that day thou shall say, O Lord, I will praise Thee; though Thou wast angry with me Thine anger is turned away, and Thou comfortedst me.
2. Behold God is my salvation. I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength, and my song, He also is become my salvation.
3. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.
4. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon His name, declare His doings

among the people, make mention that His name is exalted.

5. Sing unto the Lord for He hath done excellent things, this is known in all the earth.

6. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion; for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Read also Isaiah 26.

Meditation—I would be holy, because my Holy Father desires me so.

The Daily Prayer

O Thou who touched the leper and didst make him whole, Thou hast touched humanity with Thy mother-heart. Lay Thy hand upon thy suppliant servants and touch us into eternal life, and boundless health and youth and joy. Bring us back to the mighty potency of Calvary and bear our sorrows and all our griefs. Carry our sicknesses and infirmities, for by Thy stripes we are healed. We are redeemed by Thy sacrifice and we now have salvation and perfect health through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIFTH DAY

Isaiah 25—1. O Lord Thou art my God, I will exalt Thee. I will praise Thy name, for Thou hast done wonderful things; Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

2. For Thou hast made of a city a heap; of a defenced city a ruin; a place of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built.

3. Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee.

4. For Thou hast been a strength to the

poor, a strength to the needy in distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against Thy wall.

5. Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud; the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.

6. And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all the people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, or wine on the lees well refined.

7. And He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people and the veil that is spread over all nations.

8. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces, and the rebuke of His people shall He take away from all the earth, for the Lord hath spoken it.

9. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God, we have waited for him and He will save us. This is the Lord, we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

Also read Isaiah II.

Meditation—I feast on the fat of the land, because I am the child of the King that owns it.

The Daily Prayer

God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, thou art our God and our Father. Early will we seek Thee and in the late hours we will praise Thee. Thou hast saved us and healed us even as Thou didst of old. Accept our thanksgiving, elevate our thinking, and purge us from all unworthiness. Through perfect surrender and pure and

holy faith, give us the infinite healing power. We shall now be perfect even as our Father in heaven is perfect, in Jesus' name. Amen.

SIXTH DAY

Isaiah 32—1. Behold the King shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.

2. And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

3. The eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken.

4. The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.

5. The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful.

6. For the vile person will speak villainy, and his heart will work iniquity,—to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against the Lord, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

7. The instruments also of the churl are evil, he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right.

Read also Isaiah 35.

Meditation—My life is in the hands of a just and merciful Judge.

The Daily Prayer

Great Physician Divine, help of the helpless, —we have erred and strayed from Thy faith, we

have been guilty of grievous sin, but thou O Lord hast made atonement, not only for our sins, but for their consequences also. Thy blood is shed for remission of sins of my soul. Thy body is broken for healing of ills of my body, I accept Thy full atonement and therefore I am free, I am forgiven, cleansed and healed, through Jesus Christ my Lord, in whom I do rejoice. Amen.

SEVENTH DAY

Isaiah 38—1. In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death and Isaiah the prophet the son of Amos came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.

2. Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall and prayed unto the Lord.

3. And said, Remember now O Lord, I beseech thee, how I have walked before Thee in truth, and with a perfect heart and have done that which is good in Thy sight: and Hezekiah wept sore.

4. Then came the word of the Lord to Isaiah saying,

5. Go and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the Lord the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears; behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

6. And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the King of Assyria, and I will defend this city.

7. And this shall be a sign unto thee from the Lord that the Lord will do this thing that he hath spoken.

8. Behold I will bring again the shadow of the degrees which is gone down in the sun-

dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

Read also Isaiah 40.

Meditation—When I beseech the Lord in sincerity, He answers me abundantly.

The Daily Prayer

Blessed Jesus, son of man and Son of God, we trust alone in Thee. Who is there that can help us, and to whom else can we go? Thou hast the word of Eternal Life. Therefore being linked with Thee we are all-sufficient. We have health, happiness and prosperity, and we have glorious Salvation. Thou dost heal us fully now, O Christ, in Jesus' name. Amen.

EIGHTH DAY

Isaiah 42—1. Behold my servant whom I uphold; mine elect in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him, he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

2. He shall not cry nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the streets.

3. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench; he shall bring forth judgment and truth.

4. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth. And the isles shall wait for his law.

5. Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth and that which cometh out of it, he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein.

6. I the Lord have called thee in righteous-

ness and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles.

7. To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them, that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

Read also Isaiah 52.

Meditation—God rejoices in me when I am a cheerful, faithful, servant.

The Daily Prayer

Oh Gracious One, who openest blind eyes, and touchest deaf ears, and causeth the lame to walk, and the lost to be saved, come with Thy Divine strength and give us of Thine infinite power. Then shall we go forth to praise thy name and to sing aloud for joy. Thou hast redeemed my soul from death, my feet from falling and mine eyes from tears. I can now do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. In Jesus name. Amen.

NINTH DAY

Isaiah 53—1. Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

2. For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground; he hath no form nor comeliness and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

3. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not.

4. Surely he hath borne our griefs and car-

ried our sorrows, yet we did esteem *him* stricken, smitten of God and afflicted.

5. But he was wounded for *our* transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed.

6. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7. He was oppressed and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth, he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.

Read also Isaiah 55.

Meditation—My suffering is now turned into glory through the sacrificial law.

The Daily Prayer

Oh Lord Christ of God, we are sometimes wounded and bruised and in sore situation; our own iniquities and shortcomings have brought us at times to a tragic state. But Thou O God art all sufficient and Thy love hast made provision for our every need. We need redemption and pardon. We need restoration and healing, and Thou hast it all. Thou hast promised it to us if we believe. Lord increase our faith. We do believe in Thee. We accept Thee as our all in all. And we have Thine omnipotent life in us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TENTH DAY

Jeremiah 26—1. In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, came this word from the Lord, saying,

2. Thus saith the Lord; Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the Lord's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word:

3. If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them, because of the evil of their doings.

4. And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord; if ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you,

5. To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them,—but ye have not hearkened.

6. Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.

7. So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the Lord.

8. Now it came to pass when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him saying, Thou shalt surely die.

9. Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

10. When the princes of Judah heard these things then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the Lord, and sat down in

the entry of the new gate of the Lord's house.

11. Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears.

12. Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard.

13. Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God; and the Lord will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.

14. As for me, behold I am in your hand; do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you.

15. But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof; for of a truth the Lord hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.

16. Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets; This man is not worthy to die; for he hath spoken to us in the name of the Lord our God.

Also read Psalm 23.

Meditation—There is secret and infinite power in the name and contemplation of God.

The Daily Prayer

Gracious Redeemer, God of all Being, were it not for Thy loving hand and Thy sustaining arm, we would be overwhelmed and entirely cast down. But Thou dost save, and Thou dost heal, according to the word. There hath not failed one word of all thy good promise. It

has been **yea** and **amen** even from everlasting. And thus we know that Thou wilt restore us now. Give us full strength of body and of soul. Give us perfect fulness of mind, spirit, and estate, The Christ of God, now dwells in us richly, because we trust in Thee, and Thine be all the glory and the praise. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ELEVENTH DAY

Ezekiel 33—1. Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2. Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman,

3. If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people:

4. Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.

5. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.

6. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

7. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

8. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked

man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

9. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way, to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

10. Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live?

11. Say unto them. As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

12. Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.

13. When I shall say to the righteous that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness and commit iniquity, all his righteousness shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.

14. Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right:

15. If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

16. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him; he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

Also read Psalms 19.

Meditation—Thinking and doing right today, I live greatly, and rejoice.

The Daily Prayer

O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee must all flesh come. Who is there on earth beside Thee and whom in heaven but Thee? Who can save and bless and touch and heal except the Great Physican? O Thou Healer of our broken lives, mend, we beseech Thee Thy servant's weakness, and restore this child to perfect health. We trust only in Thy promise that "whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, I will do it. We do now receive in Thy name, Jesus, completeness of body and of soul. Amen.

TWELFTH DAY

Daniel 6: 11. Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

12. Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

13. Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

14. Then the king, when he heard those

words, was sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

15. Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know O king, that the law of Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

16. Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, He will deliver thee.

17. And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

18. Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting; neither were instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

19. Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

20. And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel; and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

21. Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever,

22. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me; forasmuch as before Him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

23. Then was the king exceeding glad for

him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

Also read Psalm 34.

Meditation—No evil can befall me, no plague touch me, because my trust is in God.

The Daily Prayer

Ancient of days, my King and my God, through the merits of Jesus Christ Thy Son, I plead forgiveness of the sin of my soul, and healing of the malady of my body. Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest that I love Thee. Thou knowest my down-sittings and mine uprisings, my sins and mine infirmities. Wash them all away with the blood of the healing covenant which was shed from the foundation of the world. Thou hast made me a new creature in Christ Jesus. For His sake. Amen.

THIRTEENTH DAY

Hosea 11: 1. When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

2. As they called them, so they went from them; they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images.

3. I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them.

4. I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love; and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them.

5. He shall not return unto the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return.

6. And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour them, because of their own counsels.

7. And my people are bent to backsliding from me; though they called them to the Most High, none at all would exalt him.

8. How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together.

9. I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim; for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee; and I will not enter into the city.

10. They shall walk after the Lord: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west.

11. They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria; and I will place them in their houses, saith the Lord.

12. Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit; but Judah yet ruleth with God and is faithful with the saints.

Also read Psalm 42.

Meditation—The love of the Lord is my assurance of healing and joy.

The Daily Prayer

Heal me, O God, for my soul crieth unto Thee. Leaning on Thine everlasting promise, I know that Thou art able to do this. My faith looks up to Thee. Thou hast said, according to thy faith be it unto Thee, and my faith takes hold upon Thy promise now. Touch me with Thy healing finger and restore me to full vigor and perfect soundness. Christ of love

and pity, touch me as Thou didst touch the leper, and make me fully whole. I am trusting now, and I am strong in Thy grace and strength. In Jesus' name. Amen.

FOURTEENTH DAY

Malachi 3: 1. Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

2. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

3. And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

4. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

5. And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.

6. For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

7. Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

8. Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

9. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

10. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

11. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.

12. And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.

Also read Psalms 15.

Meditation—Gratitude and praise fill my heart, and therein I am greatly blest.

The Daily Prayer

Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast said that if we draw nigh unto Thee Thou wilt also draw nigh unto us. We turn our faces to Thee in confidence and expectation. We touch the hem of Thy garment in faith that we may be made whole. Lord increase our faith. Increase our hope. Increase our love. Without Thee we can do nothing, O Christ, but with Thee, we can overcome every obstacle. Before we call, Thou dost answer, and we are forgiven and made entirely whole. And Thine is the glory and the praise, world without end. In Jesus' name. Amen.

FIFTEENTH DAY

The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5: 1. And seeing the multitudes He went up into a mountain, and when He was set His disciples came unto him.

2. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

3. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

4. Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.

5. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

7. Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.

8. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9. Blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called the children of God.

10. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

11. Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.

12. Rejoice and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven, for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Read also Matthew 5: 13-48.

Meditation—When a person joyously serves God, he is more than repaid.

The Daily Prayer

We rejoice O blessed Jesus, for Thy sweet assurance of blessing. We exult in hardship and trial and persecution in Thy work, be-

cause thereby Thou hast placed us also, in the list of glorious prophets. Give us the prophet's vision and the prophet's faith. Give us the prophet's healing touch. Give us the bright vision of the the Lord our God. We long to be so near to Thee and so much like Thee that we may have the healing token in large and gracious measure. We now may glorify Jehovah in our bodies and in our spirits which are thine. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SIXTEENTH DAY

Matt. 6: 1. Take heed that ye do not your alms before man to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

2. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee as the hypocrites do, in the synagogues, and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily, I say unto you, they have their reward.

3. But when thou doest alms let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth.

4. That thine alms may be in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

5. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are; for they love to pray standing in the synagogues, and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6. But thou when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father, which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7. But when ye pray use not vain repetitions as the heathen do; for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8. Be not ye therefore like unto them, for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him.

9. After this manner, therefore pray ye.

Read also Matt. 14: 34.

Meditation—When I pray as He prayed the blessing is plenteous.

The Daily Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven, give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SEVENTEENTH DAY

Matthew 7: 1. Judge not that ye be not judged.

2. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged, and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

3. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

4. Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and behold a beam is in thine own eye?

5. Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

6. Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

7. Ask and it shall be given you, seek and

ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.

8. For everyone that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh fiddeth, and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

9. Or what man is there of you whom if his son ask bread will he give him a stone?

10. Or if he ask a fish will he give him a serpent?

11. If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

12. Therefore all things, whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the Prophets.

Read also Matthew 7: 13-29.

Meditation—All life's good things await the one who believes.

The Daily Prayer

Heavenly Father, give us Thy greatest blessing. Give us salvation of soul, soundness of mind, and health of body. Give us Jesus Christ who maketh us whole. Thou hast given us Him. We now in faith accept Him, receive Him as our Saviour, Healer, Friend and Guide, and we sincerely praise His name for evermore. Amen.

EIGHTEENTH DAY

Mark 7: 31. And again departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the Sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis.

32. And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon us.

33. And he took him aside from the multitude and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit and touched his tongue.

34. And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him Ephphatha, that is, Be opened!

35. And straitway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.

36. And he charged them that they should tell no man, but the more he charged them so much the more a great deal they published it.

37. And were beyond measure astonished saying, He hath done all things well: He maketh both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak.

Read also Mark 8: 22-38.

Meditation—I must realize that He ever doeth all things well.

The Daily Prayer

Master, we know that Thou art a teacher come from God, for no man can do the things which Thou doest except God be with him. Thou hast also given us a vision of God our common Father, as one who saves and heals those who call upon Him in Faith. Lord increase our faith. Lord teach us to pray in truth. Lord grant us thy spirit. Give our souls peace, give our minds rest, give our bodies ease and power. Our combined faculties and restored talents are praising Thy name, advancing Thy cause, and serving Thine Eternal purpose, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

NINETEENTH DAY

St. Matthew 10: 16. Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

17. But beware of men; for they will deliver

you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues.

18. And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

19. But when they deliver up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak; for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

20. For it is not ye that speak, but the spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

21. And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child; and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death.

22. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake, but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

23. But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

24. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.

25. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house of Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household.

26. Fear them not therefore; for there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

27. What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light; and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.

28. And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

29. Are not two sparrows sold for a farth-

ing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

30. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

32. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

33. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

34. Think not that I am come to send peace on earth; I came not to send peace, but a sword.

Also read Matt. 8: 10-17.

Meditation—I am proud today to confess and imitate Christ my best friend.

The Daily Prayer

Christ of Galilee, who hast borne our sins and carried our sicknesses according to the Scripture, why should we ourselves then carry them? Loving Lord, who hast paid the debt for all mankind, why should we pay it over again? Nay, Lord let us accept Thy sacrifice and appropriate Thy freedom with which Thou didst make us free. May we accept Thy blood shed for remission of our souls' sin, and thy body broken for our bodies' healing. So Jesus Christ now maketh us perfectly whole. In His blessed Name. Amen.

TWENTIETH DAY

St. Matthew 13: 3. And He spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold a sower went forth to sow.

4. And when he sowed, some seeds fell by

the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up.

5. Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth; and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

6. And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

7. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

8. But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit,—some a hundredfold; some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

9. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

10. And the disciples came, and said unto Him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

11. He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

12. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance; but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

13. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do thy understand.

14. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

15. For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

16. But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear.

17. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

Read also Matthew 9: 9-38.

Meditation—If I will it, my eyes may see God, and my ears hear His voice, just now!

The Daily Prayer

Forgiver of the soul, and Physician of the body, I need Thee every hour,—stay Thou near by. Reach out Thy strong and loving hand and clasp my weak one, and make me strong. Thou art my refuge and strength and I feel Thine own vitality coursing through my being. My body is quickened and my soul inspired by the life of Jesus Christ which dwells in me. Every member of my body is invigorated and made fully whole, through Thee, Thou Healing Christ, who keepest me in the hollow of Thy hand. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY

St. Mark 9: 1. And He said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

2. And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into a high mountain apart by themselves; and he was transfigured before them.

3. And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

4. And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus.
5. And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee and one for Moses, and one for Elias.
6. For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.
7. And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son, hear him.
8. And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves.
9. And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead.

Read also Matt. 15: 22-28.

Meditation—My own life is transfigured through the Christ inside.

The Daily Prayer

Spirit of truth and Father of light and love, our hands are palsied until they be strengthened by touching Thee. Our souls are lost until they be found and redeemed by Thee. But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ, both our souls and our bodies are restored by Thine infinite touch of love, and we spring into newness of life more abundant, because Thou dost quicken our mortal bodies with Thine own resurrection life, just now. Through Jesus' name. Amen.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY

St. Luke 15: 11. And He said, A certain man had two sons:
12. And the younger of them said to his

father, Father give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

13. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country;—and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

14. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

15. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat; and no man gave unto him.

17. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18. I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

19. And am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants.

20. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23. And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat and be merry:

24. For this my son was dead, and is alive again: he was lost and is found.

Also read Luke 22: 50.

Meditation—My lost life is found and my dead life resurrected through His Word.

The Daily Prayer

Bearer of human infirmity, Carrier of all our grief and weakness and sin, every day is a Sabbath when we live in Thee. Thou dost emancipate, rejuvenate and rejoice our lives at all times when we do Thy will. Give us faith to follow Thee, and faith to trust in Thee, and faith to see in Thee the answer to our every need of body and of soul. Quicken our spirits, liven our steps, strengthen our hands, renew our being, transform our nature with the mind of Christ, at this time. We feel Thee now invigorating us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TWENTY-THIRD DAY

St. John 4: 1. When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John.

2. (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples.)

3. He left Judea, and departed again into Galilee.

4. And he must needs go through Samaria.

5. Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

6. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

7. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

8. (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

9. Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him. How is it that thou being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealing with the Samaritans.

10. Jesus answered and said unto her, if thou knowest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldst have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water.

11. The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; from whence then hast thou that living water?

12. Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children and his cattle?

13. Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

14. But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst: but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

15. The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

Also read Jno. 9: 1-41.

Meditation—The healing fountain of life is bubbling in my own back yard.

The Daily Prayer

Our Father which are in Heaven, we humbly beseech Thee just now to speak to our infirmity and weakness and make it strength. Touch our impaired souls and inspire them, and touch our defective organs and restore their normal functions. O Christ of God, the same yesterday, today and forever, bring Thy children close to Thee, by healing every sickness and forgiving every sin. With full salvation of soul and complete health of body, we are attaining to the

perfect man the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, and Thine is the glory forever and ever. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY

Luke 10: 30. And Jesus answering said, "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves; which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33. But a certain Samaritan as he journeyed, came where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34. And went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence and gave them to the host and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again I will repay thee.

36. Which now of these three thinkest thou was neighbor unto him that fell among thieves?

37. And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto Him, "go thou and do likewise."

Read also Luke 14.

Meditation—A Christly deed and kindly word today, will bring me in a handsome inward pay.

The Daily Prayer

Prince of Peace and Saviour of the world, we look up into Thy face in confidence and trust. Our hope is in Thee. We pray to Thee in faith. Thou hast said, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. If ye ask anything in my name, I will do it!" And now we ask in Jesus' blessed name for health, complete and perfect, of mind and soul and body, so we may be like Thee. We are made in Thine image. We are admonished by Jesus to be perfect even as our Father in heaven is perfect, and we take Thee at Thy word. There hath not failed one word of all His good promise. I am even now Thine own strong and joyous child. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY

Luke 15: 1. There drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.

2. And the pharisees and scribes murmured saying, This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them.

3. And he spake this parable unto them saying

4. What man of you having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost until he find it?

5. And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders rejoicing.

6. And when he cometh home he calleth together his friends and neighbors saying unto them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.

7. I say unto you that likewise joy shall be in heaven, over one sinner that repenteth,

more than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance.

Read also Luke 15: 8-32.

Meditation—The essence of His spirit is in sweet helpfulness to His needy ones.

The Daily Prayer

Lamb of Calvary, who didst die that I might live, who carried all my grief, and on the cruel cross bore my sickness and my sins, Thy love is so unspeakable! Thou who didst command believers to lay hands in prayer upon the sick, and they should recover; who through Thine apostles didst command the sick to call for prayer in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith should save the sick, and God should raise him up: we believe Thee and we obey. Thy word is very sure. O Lord may we just now have the anointing of Thy spirit for our infirmities. Where we are weak, be Thou our strength. Be our companion all the way, and then we know that we shall not fear though the earth be removed. If God be for us, who can be against us? For this is the victory that overcometh the world and all things in it,—even our faith. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit is upon us now and forever. Amen.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY

John 3: 1. There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
2. The same came to Jesus by night and said unto him, Rabbi we know that thou art a teacher come from God, for no man can do these miracles that thou doest except God be with him.

3. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4. Nicodemus, saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.

6. That which is born of flesh is flesh: and that which is born of the spirit is spirit.

7. Marvel not that I say unto you, ye must be born again.

8. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, nor whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the spirit.

9. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

Read also John 3: 10-36.

Meditation—Even more wonderful than physical birth, is the glorious rebirth of the soul.

The Daily Prayer

Regenerate us, O Christ of God, Give me this new birth which cometh down from heaven,—not from earth. Renew my motives and desires. Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit, within me. Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean, wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Thou dost cleanse and purify and save and heal my body and my soul, just now. And Thine is the honor and the glory, and thine O God, my everlasting gratitude, World without end. Amen.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY

Jno. 19: 1. Then Pilate therefore took Jesus and scourged him.

2. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe.

3. And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.

4. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

5. Then came Jesus forth wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe, and Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!

6. When the chief priests therefore, and officers saw him they cried out saying, Crucify him, Crucify him! Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him and crucify him; for I find no fault in him.

7. The Jews answered him, But we have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

8. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid.

9. And went again into the judgment hall and saith unto Jesus, whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer.

Read also Jno. 19: 10-42. Also Jno. 20.

Meditation—If I wear the crown of thorns like a real king, I inherit the crown of life.

The Daily Prayer

Son of God, our Saviour Crucified, Thou didst it all for me! Thou didst bear our sins and carry our sicknesses that we should not have to carry either. Bless the Lord O my

soul and forget not all His benefits, who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases. I do accept those priceless benefits—Thy blood shed for remission of my soul's sins, Thy body broken for healing of my broken body. It was all provided by Thee on Calvary, I therefore now go scot free, of sin and sickness, remorse and sorrow. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY

Acts 9: 1. And Saul (afterward called Paul) yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest.

2. And desired of him letters to Damascus, to the synagogues, that if he found any of this Way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound into Jerusalem.

3. And as he journeyed he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven.

4. And he fell to the earth and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5. And he said, who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7. And the men which journeyed with him

stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

Read also Acts 10.

Meditation—Obedience to the vision and the heavenly voice, hews out the path to victory.

The Daily Prayer

Jesus of Nazareth, we too, like Thy great Apostle inquire, Lord what wouldst Thou have me do? We delight to do Thy will O God. Fit us for Thy use, and use us in Thine earthly vineyard. Help us to bring souls to the cross. Help us to say with Paul, woe is me, if I preach not the gospel—the gospel of the Kingdom, the healing of the sick. Great Healer, touch this frame today, enliven every part of it, rouse every nerve and muscle, bone and member,—to do its proper function, as well as the soul to praise Thy name. My life is now a strong and living witness for Thee. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY

James 5: 13. Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing Psalms.

14. Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

15. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins they shall be forgiven him.

16. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Also read Jno. 4: 46.

Meditation—My faith shall overcome all things, for God Himself has promised.

The Daily Prayer

Giver of Life, and health and redemption, anoint us we beseech Thee, with Thy Holy Spirit and with power. Invigorate and quicken Thy waiting servant with that secret inner strength which cometh only from above. Restored and redeemed, we promise and avow the full surrender of our lives and souls and bodies unto Thee in service, as humble vessels in Thy Holy work. Cause us now to thank and praise Thy name, for the power and strength already felt, and for the Healing work which Thou hast done in us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen and Amen.

THIRTIETH DAY

Revelation 1: 1. The Revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave unto Him to shew unto his servants, which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John.

2. Who bore record of the Word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

3. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written herein; for the time is at hand.

4. John, to the seven churches which are in Asia. Grace be unto you, and peace from Him which is, and which was and which is to come; and from the seven spirits which are before His throne.

5. And from Jesus Christ who is the faithful witness and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the Kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

6. And hath made us kings and priests unto God, and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever, and ever. Amen.

Read also Rev. 6.

Meditation—I am a revelation, through Him, who washes a scarlet life white as snow.

The Daily Prayer

Thanks be to Thee O God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast made known unto us Thy Revelation and Thy holy will. The chief purpose of humanity is to glorify and enjoy the Lord, and Thy chief desire is for Thy child to live a fully saved and healed life. O God, we take Thee at Thy word surrendering our lives to Thee, and claiming now the promise of salvation, strength and joy. We possess these priceless things, and we are strong and pure in Thee. Use us for Thy purpose, and lead us in the way everlasting; and men and angels shall adore Thee evermore. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY

Revelation 21: 1. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the

first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea.

2. And I John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride, adorned for her husband.

3. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5. And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold I make all things new, And He said unto me Write, for these things are true and faithful.

6. And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Read also Rev. 21: 8-27. Also Rev. 22.

Meditation—Through intimate acquaintance the Lord has made me a new creature.

The Daily Prayer

O Christ Jesus, Eternal fountain of life, we have thirsted and famished in the worldly life, but now we drink of Thee and are completely satisfied. Thou art the Bread of Heaven of which if a man eat he shall hunger

no more. Thou art the Water of Life, of which if a man drink he shall thirst no more. Thou art the All in All for my spirit, soul, and body, and Thou dost make me whole; just now, O Christ Thou dost make me whole. I am now living the resurrection life. Because Thou livest I also live. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PERSONAL SCRIPTURE READING

1st Day

Matt. 4: 17. From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

25 And there followed him great multitudes of peope from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judea, and from beyond Jordan.

Meditation—By following Thee O Christ, I too am fully healed.

Prayer for the First Day

God of the lonely, and of the suffering, Friend of the sick, and the afflicted and the tormented, if Thou didst heal them then, why shouldst Thou not also heal them now, since Thou art the same yesterday, today and forever? We praise Thee, O Lord, that Thou dost heal us now. Thou dost heal the tormented souls of men, distressed by uncertainty and worry and sin. Forgive and restore, O Christ of God, just now. Heal, also the broken and unnatural condition of body. O God of love, cast out the devils of suspicion and hate, and jealousy and greed and pain, and brooding and fear. Take Thou full possession now, and in Thy keeping we find ourselves transformed and changed and joyous and strong and free. For this new outlook and this bright vision, we thank Thee with our whole hearts, and will serve Thee all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2nd Day

Matt. 8: 1. When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him.
2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.
3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched

him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

4 And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,

6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me; and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven:

12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

Meditation—Trusting in the Saviour, He grants the full desires of the heart.

Prayer for the Second Day

As we have believed, O Christ, so has it been done unto us! When we have believed but little in Thy goodness and Thy love, little has been done. When we have believed much, much has been done, and much will ever be done. Help Thou our unbelief, O God! Give us perfect faith in Thee, for Thou doest all things well. Bless Thy kingdom and Thy Church. May Thy followers serve Thee better and trust Thee more. Thus may that calm untroubled mind possess them, that quiet faith, which overcometh the world!

The things of time and sense cannot oppress us, the wind of circumstance, the turn of fortune's wheel, if we believe; for we are children of Eternity, with feet upon the solid rock and eyes in the heaven of infinite love. Let us live forever in this realm. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

3rd Day

Matt. 8: 14. And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.

15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.

16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

18 Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side.

19 And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

21 And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

22 But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.

23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.

Meditation—Jesus took a pillow of stone, that I might have a softer bed.

Prayer for the Third Day

Master, we would follow Thee, whithersoever Thou goest. But, O Christ, we know that Thou dost travel where the road is long, and the pathway rough. We know that the way of Jesus leads to the cross, and to sacrifice. Bnt it is the way of life; life and love and joy. And what mother-heart does not expectantly travel the sacrificial road, down by death's cold stream, in the darkening valley—for love and joy? The lesson of sacrifice is experience, we know. And when we follow Thee we know it will be hard and dangerous and sometimes dark—but Oh, the joy that is beyond! The healing which Thou givest! The redemption all for us! Make us strong, O Christ of God that we may follow Thee today, renouncing sin and fear and hate and worry, and just doing gladly the Divinely given task, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

4th Day

Matt. 9: 1. And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.

2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

3 And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.

4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?

5 For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?

6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

7 And he arose, and departed to his house.

8 But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

Meditation—Since I love Thee, thou dost this day give all power to me also.

Prayer for the Fourth Day

The multitudes marvel even now, Oh Christ, when they see what mighty power Thou hast given to those who love Thee. Nothing is impossible. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. If ye shall ask anything in My name, says Jesus, I will do it, and the doers of Thy full gospel, work thy miracles of love, and multitudes glorify God. Forgiving of sin and healing of sickness, tell the story of Jesus' life and death. The one is the same as the other with Him. "This is my blood shed for remission of sins of men's wrecked and broken souls. This is my body

broken for healing of men's wrecked and broken bodies." Help Thy church, O Christ of God, to get the double vision and to preach the complete gospel. Help us to consider Time as being also a part of Eternity. Grant Thy pardon and Thy healing in Jesus' blessed name. Amen.

5th Day

Matt. 9: 18. While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.

20 And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:

21 For she said within herself, if I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise,

24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.

25 But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

26 And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.

28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.
29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.
30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.
31 But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.
32 As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil.
33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

Meditation—The greatest blessings can only be seen through eyes that are open to Christ.

Prayer for the Fifth Day

Thou Son of David, we today beseech Thee to have mercy on us also! Blind of sight and dull of hearing, we have groped our way along through the world, thinking that appearance meant reality, and taking the sound of silver and gold upon the counter, as the sweetest music of life. We have not learned the higher symphonies! But now O God, we are hearing and we are seeing the better, brighter life which is hid with Christ in God. The saved and healed existence is so much more satisfying! We now have a Friend that sticketh closer than a Brother. May we O God in turn, go forth and give this healing gospel to the multitudes, and turn their bewildered eyes away from earthly dross and clay, and fix them on Thyself. There they may find their glorious destiny. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

6th Day

Matt. 9: 35. And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

CHAPTER 10

1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

3 Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alpheus, and Lebbeus, whose surname was Thaddeus;

4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Meditation—Equip even me, O Lord, to be a spiritual harvester.

Prayer for the Sixth Day

We gladly go, our Lord and Master, and do as Thou hast said, Preach the kingdom, heal the sick. Freely we have received indeed. From Thee O Lord, we have gotten infinite treasures. Thou dost give us life and health and peace and happiness. And may we freely give to others of all the joy and hope and inspiration and healing, which Thou hast brought to us. It is only as we accept from Thee, and only as we give out again in Thy sweet name, that hope becomes enlarged or life worth while. And we shall be like Christ and have His joy and exercise His spirit and usefulness, if we go forth obedient, and preach the kingdom and heal the sick in His name. Healing cometh from faith in Thee, O God. "As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee." Accept our gratitude and trust for Jesus' sake. Amen.

7th Day

Matt. 12: 10. And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath days? that they might accuse him.

11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

12 How much then is a man better than a

sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

15 But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all:

16 And charged them that they should not make him known:

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my Spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.

19 He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets.

20 A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.

21 And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.

22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, inasmuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the Son of David?

Meditation—Choosing me to be Thy servant, help me to be faithful.

Prayer for the Seventh Day

Thy spirit O Lord is upon Thy trusting child; and never does that spirit depart from us except we send it away,—except the lusts of the flesh, or deceitfulness of riches, or the snares of this world, spring up and choke the seed of the

Word of God in our souls. Take Thou possession of our lives. Be Thou the sole proprietor. Cast out the spirit of blindness, and of selfishness and narrow prejudice. May we see clearly that Thy other sheep which are not of this fold, are loved of Thee, the same as we are. May we love our neighbor as ourself. May we desire the richest blessing on Jew or Gentile, rich and poor, relative or stranger, for all are Thine in Christ. Forgive us all our sins and weaknesses, heal all our infirmities and bruises, restore our bodies and our souls; and Thine be the honor and the glory, and the majesty, world without end. Amen.

8th Day

Matt 14: 23. And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves; for the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer: it is I: be not afraid.

28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

34 And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.

35 And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;

36 And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

Meditation—Banishing doubt, and laying hold upon faith, I am approaching Thy perfection.

Prayer for the Eighth Day

O Thou Son of God, we are feeling and groping for Thee. We are reaching for the hem of Thy garment, that we may touch it, for then we know that our faith will make us whole. For life is built of faith—bolstered up with hope, and love, and we intend to stay close enough to Thee so that we can always reach out and touch Thee, and know that Thou art with us. Sometimes we forget, and when we forget we despair, as a child without its mother. But when we remember that Thou art ever with us, then nothing can frighten us, and no fear can make us afraid, and we are happy and Holy and well and sound and strong. O Healer of Humanity, keep us ever by Thy side. Let us not get out of reach of the hem of Thy garment, and then it is well with our soul and our entire Being. We ask it with the pardon of our sins for Jesus' sake. Amen.

9th Day

Matt. 15: 21. Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord help me.

26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

29 And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee: and went up into a mountain, and sat down there.

30 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:

31 Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

Meditation—I glorify God in my soul and in my body, which are His.

Prayer for the Ninth Day

God of pity and compassion, we would glorify Thee for Thy mercy. We thank Thee that when the multitudes come unto thee, with those that are lame and blind and dumb and maimed, that thou dost heal them. When we look upon the surging crowds of impotent and suffering folk, having all manner of affliction and trouble, our hearts are stirred and our souls are touched, with the feelings of their infirmities. The stirring of the Christ in us moves us to desire to help them. With the power of Thy spirit throbbing in our breast, may we be enabled and constrained to sympathize and help. We know that prayer and faith can accomplish wonders and work miracles, for Thy Book has told us. We have seen it also with our eyes. O Lord, come now with mighty power, responding to our faith and work Thy holy will. We are in Thy hands, to make us as Thou wouldst have us be. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

10th Day

Mark 1: 21. And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

22 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,

24 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

26 And when the unclean spirit had torn

him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

28 And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

29 And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever; and anon they tell him of her.

31 And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

33 And all the city was gathered together at the door.

34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils.

Meditation—Thou dost banish my infirmity, with Thine own Infirmity.

Prayer for the Tenth Day

Friend of Sinners, Helper of the weak, Consoler of the suffering, Healer of the sick; be Thou in this place just now. We have Thy precious promise that When Thou callest I will answer, and we believe Thy word. Come, hear and bless Thy child, take away all illness and disease, rebuke all evil spirits of infirmity, pardon all iniquity, and restore Thy child with Thy wondrous touch. Bestow full health and glad salvation for Thy great name's sake. O Lord of life and love as we wait upon Thee, wilt Thou speak to every part of our

Being, with the word of life, and touch every portion with Thy healing hand. May the power which Thou gavest to the first disciples come to us Thy last disciples, as Thou hast promised it, and may the prayer of trust and faith procure Thy promised blessing. Through the merits of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

11th Day

Mark 5: 22. And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet,

23 And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.

24 And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.

25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years.

26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse.

27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

28 For she said, if I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.
34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.
35 While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead; why troublest thou the Master any further?
36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.
37 And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.
38 And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.
39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.
40 And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.
41 And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, (I say unto thee,) arise.
42 And straightway the damsel arose, and walked: for she was of the age of twelve years And they were astonished with a great astonishment.
43 And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

Meditation—He that hath a whole faith shall be made whole through faith.

Prayer for the Eleventh Day

God be merciful unto us and bless us, and show us the light of Thy countenance. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits—who forgiveth all thine iniquity, who healeth all thy diseases. We believe and know this to be true, Our Father. Who have I on earth beside Thee and who in heaven but Thee? Thou art above and around us continually; and underneath are the Everlasting Arms. In the night time Thou art our song, and Thou art our companion in the daylight hours. We are never out of Thy presence. Why should we fear? Why should we fret ourselves and continually worry when God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble? Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee—because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Give us that strength this day, O God; for body, mind and spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

12th Day

Mark 8: 22. And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

23 And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw aught.

24 And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.

25 After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up; and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

26 And he sent him away to his house, say-

ing, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town.

27 And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Cesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am?

28 And they answered, John the Baptist: but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets.

29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.

30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

Meditation—Dead human hopes will rise again—even in these days, through Christ.

Prayer for the Twelfth Day

Spirit of Eternal Truth, though rejected and denied and oftentimes cast out and repudiated, Thou wilt rise again! Truth crushed to earth shall ever rise again. There is no death. I am the resurrection and the Life! He that believeth on Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and he that liveth and believeth on me, never shall die. O Life and Resurrection brought to light, dwell Thou in me this day. Live thou in this soul—and then—no darkness, fear, bondage, death, disease or disintegration can abide. Perfect love casteth out fear; where the spirit of God abides there is liberty. I am the light of the world. The tabernacle of God is with men, and He shall dwell with them, and shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor

crying, neither shall there be any more pain. He that overcometh shall inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. Adopt us O God; and Father us, and Mother us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

13th Day

Mark 9: 14. And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them.

15 And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him.

16 And he asked the scribes, What question we with them?

17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

18 And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him; and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

19 He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.

20 And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

21 And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.

22 And ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

26 And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing but by prayer and fasting.

Meditation—May I pray, and fast, and ever commune with Thy holy spirit and thus be free from all evil spirit and inclination.

Prayer for the Thirteenth Day

O Thou great and only Healer, Thou Redeemer of the body and the mind; Thou Saviour of the soul,—grant, we beseech Thee that we may come into that saving relationship with Thine own person—that sweet and blessed and permanent communion with Thy spirit and Thyself—which vouchsafes unto us a character formed in the beauty of holiness, and a life which is hid with Christ in God. Then shall we be pure and upright, and we shall be innocent from the great transgression. Then shall we be empowered through Thy holy faith to heal and be healed; then shall we see miracles in very truth and mighty works wrought by Thy spirit in men and women in the world. And we

shall also have the joy of beholding the Father worshipped in spirit and in truth, and Jesus Christ adored sincerely, and the Holy Spirit magnified. Then shall the day of the Lord be ushered in, and Thy kingdom come and Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Through Jesus' name. Amen.

14th Day

Mark 10: 42. But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

43 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:

44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

46 And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimeus, the son of Timeus, sat by the highway side begging.

47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

48 And many charged him that he should hold his peace; but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.

50 And he, casting away his garments, rose, and came to Jesus.

51 And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.

52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

Meditation—I shall be made perfectly whole through faith in a perfect Lord.

Prayer for the Fourteenth Day

Blind and slow of heart,—O God we beseech Thee that we might receive our sight! We are eagerly looking for the light, and like Bartimaeus of old at the Jericho gate, we know that Thou art able and willing to grant it. We seek the truth, because only the truth can make us free. Thou hast promised that he that seeketh findeth, and to him that asketh it shall be given. We ask primarily for healing of the soul. We know that when our souls are out of tune the whole life is askew. And when our souls are in tune with God the Infinite, the blessed harmonies must fill our lives. Give us the faith to live and to pray aright. Give us the love to think and to serve aright, and give us the devotion and obedience to follow Thee. In Jesus' name. Amen.

15th Day

Mark 11: 22. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any; that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

27 And they come again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders.

28 And say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things?

29 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

30 The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me.

31 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him?

32 But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed.

33 And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

Meditation—Divine assurance and authority do not depend upon and are not accountable to human whim.

Prayer for the Fifteenth Day

Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace; as Thou didst bring that secret of peace and healing to the world, bring it now, Oh, we beseech Thee to this waiting soul. Touch this broken life and mercifully mend it. Bind up the gaping wounds, and soothe the bruised being. Pardon all the sin, forgive all the iniquity, and heal all the disease, according to Thy covenant. Accept the adoration and the praise from this glowing heart which is crying out. Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord for the present strength, and the increasing vigor and life, and for the indwelling of His mighty spirit of power. In Jesus' blessed name. Amen.

16th Day

Luke 13: 10. And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed and not on the sabbath day.

15 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on

the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?

16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

17 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

18 Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it?

19 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it.

20 And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the Kingdom of God?

21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

22 And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.

Meditation—Help me O God to see the developing nature of real and solid blessings.

Prayer for the Sixteenth Day

Grant unto us, O Lord and Master, that divine and blessed patience, by which we may sometimes wait, and may just stand still, and see the salvation of our God. We are Thy workmen, doing Thy will, and Thou hast given us the material with which to work. We are the sowers of the seed. We are planters of the leaven, and we believe and know that if we in patience possess our souls, we shall yet see the successful issue. O God, though ever busy in the vineyard, help us not to rush the harvest, but to let the gentle rains and the soft sunlight

and the sweet, pure, fresh air of God do its work in our lives, and perfect our souls and bodies. Let us be not weary in well doing, for in due time we shall reap, if we faint not. Grant it all in Jesus name. Amen.

17th Day

Luke 14: 1. And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him.

2 And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy.

3 And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day?

4 And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go;

5 And answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day?

6 And they could not answer him again to these things.

7 And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them,

8 When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him,

9 And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man a place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.

10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.

11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Meditation—I hold my spirit this day in Godly humility and obedient restraint.

Prayer for the Seventeenth Day

Great is our Lord and of great power, His understanding is infinite. He telleth the number of the stars, and calleth them all by their names. He lifteth up the meek, he healeth the broken in heart and bindeth up their wounds, in body. It is to Thee, as Master and Healer of our broken lives, we come. Thou canst save us, and Thou alone. Who have I to trust beside Thee? and there is none in heaven to bless, but Thee. O Master, remove all that is amiss, and rebuke all evil. Cast out all the untoward spirit, and come Thou in, and make my life Thy dwelling place. And to Thee we give the honor and the praise as we grow in grace, and in spiritual power and in bodily vigor—and in the beauty of holiness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

18th Day

Luke 17: 11. And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but were are the nine?

18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it.

23 And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them.

24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven, so also shall the Son of man be, in his day. But first must he suffer many things and be rejected of this generation.

Meditation—Though in this generation it be unpopular I will accept divine truth.

Prayer for the Eighteenth Day

Eternal Teacher of the soul, give us the divine discernment to understand Thee, and to realize the words in very fact, that the kingdom of heaven is within us. That Saint Paul speaks most truly when he says, "Be ye transformed, by the renewing of your minds." O God, renew our minds this day, and so have our lives, our souls,

our bodies transformed. Renew our thoughts and plans and especially our angle on life. Help us to see and to believe that it really is more blessed to give than to receive, that he that loseth his own life and his own little plans in Thee and in Thy gospel of love and truth and peace and healing,—the same shall save it, yea, shall multiply it, both now and unto life Eternal. Give us the outward upward look, in order to procure joy and hope and health and all good things: and to Thee be the glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

19th Day

Luke 22: 47. And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.

48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?

49 When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword?

50 And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.

51 And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.

52 Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves?

53 When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

54 Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off.

55 And when they had kindled a fire in the

midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter set down among them.

56 But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him.

57 And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not.

58 And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not.

59 And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

60 And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest, And immediately while he yet spake, the cock crew.

61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

62 And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

Meditation—I am resolved not to in any way deny my Lord.

Prayer for the Nineteenth Day

Almighty and Everlasting God, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, our lives are in the hollow of Thy hand. Thou dost take note of the sparrow's fall, so surely Thou art touched with the feeling of our infirmities, for Thou knowest our frame, Thou rememberest that we are dust. And Thou hast given Thine angels charge over us, to keep us in all our ways, lest at some time we might hurt our foot upon a stone. Surely Thou hast borne our sickness and carried our sorrows. Thou wast wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Thee, and by Thy stripes we are healed. Com-

pletely *healed,* O merciful and compassionate Christ. For this wondrous and infinite healing, how can we thank Thee? Receive us in Jesus' name. Amen.

20th Day

John 4: 43. Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee.

44 For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country.

45 Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galileans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.

46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.

47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.

50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth.

52 Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

53 So the father knew that it was at the same

hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.

Meditation—When we believe, we live; and when we live believing, we cannot die.

Prayer for the Twentieth Day

Holy One of Israel, Ancient of Days, our lives are laid upon Thine Altar, even as Abraham the faithful, laid his son Isaac on the altar. We delight to do Thy will, O God, we rejoice in Thy truth, we live in Thy heart. Thou art All in All, our Maker, Redeemer and Preserver, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Mold us O God for Thy holy purpose, and make us fit for the Master's use. Teach us to pray. Lord increase our faith. For the just shall live by faith. Consecrate us now to this Thy Healing Ministry, and to the full entire gospel of Thy blessed Son. May we have the definite and firm realization that earnest prayer changes the whole face of life for us, and that it brings us health, happiness and prosperity. It overcomes obstacles, removes mountains, clarifies clouded intellects and cheers the saddened hearts. O may my life be filled with prayer unceasing. In Jesus' precious name. Amen.

21st Day

John 5: 1. After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 For an angel went down at a certain sea-

son into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

7 The impotent man answered him. Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

10 The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

11 He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.

12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.

14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

Meditation—The forces of sin and sickness are put to rout, when Christ takes command of a life.

Prayer for the Twenty-first Day

Light and darkness are both alike to Thee, O Lord. Sin and sickness are both the same to Thee, O Christ. Thy Word, O mighty Healer, is just as powerful and efficacious as the troubled waters of the cleansing pool. Help us to sin no more—and to be sick no more! Help us like the great apostle to be able to truly say, "The life which I now live, I live by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ." Then are we strong. Then are we kings and priests and conquerors, through Him that loved us and gave Himself for us. O Lord, for the far-flung vision, instead of the near-sighted view! O Lord, for the Healing Token, instead of the selfish greed! O Lord, for the mind in us, which was also in Christ Jesus, who came not to please himself, but who found the heart of the secret,—of health and abounding joy. In His dear name. Amen.

22nd Day

John 9: 1. And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

8 The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?

9 Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.

10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?

11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.

12 Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not.

13 They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.

14 And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.

15 Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.

16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.

Meditation—The truth of God opens the blind eyes of His children—always.

Prayer for the Twenty-second Day

Jehovah-Ropha, the Lord Thy Healer, from the foundation of the world even until now; we humbly beseech Thee that Thou wilt grant Thy spirit of truth and love to fill our hearts. If we love not our brother whom we have seen,

how can we love our Heavenly Father whom we have not seen? Take possession of our souls, O God,—fill us with Thy free spirit. Give us the touch of Thy healing hand and open Thy wondrous Book to us. May the Bible Healing ministry be blessed of God, and may His word not return unto Him void. May it accomplish that which He shall please, and prosper in the thing whereto He has sent it. May the leaves of that Book of life, be for the healing of the nations. In Jesus' name. Amen.

23rd Day

Acts 3: 1. Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 Who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God:

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

10 And they knew that it was he which sat

for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

Meditation—Gratitude is the heart's native tongue,—praise is its sweetest tune.

Prayer for the Twenty-third Day

Teach us that secret O Christ, which causes such joy, and such hope and such strength, in those who are touched by Thy gospel. We read that they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. And we find this impotent man lame from his mother's womb, when touched by Thy gospel raising up and walking and leaping and praising God. We want that secret power. We want the rejuvenating Christ. We want full salvation, for we cannot be satisfied with the husks of the world, or with the outward forms of life. We desire Thine inner realities. We want real peace and healing, which Thou alone dost give. In Jesus' name. Amen.

24th Day

Acts 5: 11. And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

13 And of the rest durst no man join himself to them; but the people magnified them.

14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women;)
15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.
16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.
17 Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation.
18 And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.
19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,
20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.
21 And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.
22 But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told,
23 Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.

Meditation—No prison can hold a spirit touched by the truth of Christ.

Prayer for the Twenty-fourth Day

The truth and the spirit of Thy Son, O God, permits no one to remain in bondage. For if the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free

indeed. The slavery of the race; our own bondage to the passing things of the corporal sense, has been so pathetic! It has been our most fearsome enemy. Free is that soul who thinks Thy thoughts. Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage; only our own small and unworthy concepts of life enthrall and enslave us. But now we are free. Now we are joyful. Now we are well and full of vigor in our entire Being, and our nature sings with joy. Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. I constantly attain the Christly, perfect, life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

25th Day

Acts 8: 1. And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

3 As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.

5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with

them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.

Meditation—Joy is the sure consequence of giving heed to truth.

Prayer for the Twenty-fifth Day

O Christ; the unclean and the palsied, the blind, limping and the afflicted, they all cry out for Jesus' help. All men seek for Thee. Sooner or later the whole world goes out after Thee. Christ of God, give our feeble lives the ability to point them to Thee. Give our poor mirrors the power to reflect Thyself. Give our weak throats the power at least to be a voice in the wilderness, crying, Prepare ye the way of the Lord; enable our hands to transmit the healing touch of Christ. May we at least announce, Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. And then as He heals them, may we decrease while He shall increase. In Jesus' precious name. Amen.

26th Day

Acts 9: 32. And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.

33 And there he found a certain man named Eneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

34 And Peter said unto him, Eneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

35 And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas; this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

38 And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them.

39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

41 And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

42 And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

43 And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

Meditation—The Lord will visit and tarry with any one who will entertain Him.

Prayer for the Twenty-sixth Day

O Thou Saviour and Friend of the children; Thou who wast once a child Thyself, we praise Thee for Thy childlike love. We bless Thee also because Thou didst take the little children and lay Thy hands upon their heads in blessing. O Christ, the world needs love and blessing now. We are but children still, and we crave Thy hands of healing upon our own heads. We would look into Thy face and tell Thee all our troubles. They are trifling, but they appear to us so big—they seem like mountains. But when we come to Thee and live in Thee they

disappear and vanish away. Cast thy burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain thee. He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. For the path of the just, is as the shining light, that shineth more and more, unto the perfect day. Grant us this healing, sanctifying light. In Jesus' name. Amen.

27th Day

Acts 14: 5. And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use them despitefully, and to stone them.

6 They were ware of it, and fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lieth round about:

7 And there they preached the gospel.

8 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

9 The same heard Paul speak: who steadfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed.

10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.

13 Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.

14 Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out.

15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

16 Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

18 And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.

Meditation—By virtue of my divine birthright I will stand upright on my feet.

Prayer for the Twenty-seventh Day

Merciful Saviour, Healer of Mankind, help us this day to leap up and walk. We have hung our heads in sin and shame, and we have stooped and limped and shuffled under our bodily afflictions. But we have heard the thrilling voice, saying, "Jesus Christ maketh Thee whole," and now we are trusting in Him. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary. If He Himself took our infirmities and bare our sickness on the cross, why need we try to bare the load? If he shed his blood for remission of our sins, and had His body broken for the healing of our bodies, shall we not accept His gift? We do, O Christ, accept Thy gift, and now lay hold upon abundant life. We have learned at last the meaning of the life which is lived in God's presence. Make us wholly Thine today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

28th Day

Acts 28: 1. And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.

2 And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

4 And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

5 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed.

Meditation—The great loving Hand is on me and I am made whole today.

Prayer for the Twenty-eighth Day

Almighty and ever-adorable God, we stand today between two worlds. Eternity spreads out before us. Good and evil are in conflict. The angel and the beast are beckoning, one on either side. Fear, hatred, passion, worry, sickness, and sin, are on the one hand; and on the other, God, life, health, peace, prosperity and joy. Help us to gird up our loins, O Christ, and like Thy servant Paul, shake off the beast, and travel on toward emancipation and eternal light. Endue us with Thy Holy Spirit, and give us Thy full healing and salvation for our entire Being, body, mind and spirit, and Thine will be the glory and the praise. In Jesus' precious name. Amen.

29th Day

James 5: 10. Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick,

and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Meditation—I would learn to pray a fervent righteous prayer.

Prayer for the Twenty-ninth Day

Thy glorious Church, O Christ of God, is challenged to the vital test. Like Thine Apostle of ancient days, we too believe in the saving and healing mission for Thy church. He was but obeying Thy direct command when He gave direction for this ministry. He had heard Thy very lips instruct him frequently, to preach the kingdom, heal the sick. May we be as mindful of Thy will. O may we not be longer guilty of this disobedience! May we, if we presume to call ourselves followers and disciples, also do as Thou didst do, and as Thou didst ever tell Thy followers. And may we O God have faith in Thee to heal us. When we suffer be Thou our helper. When we languish, hold Thou us up. And may this Thy servant feel within him now Thine omnipotent and saving power. In Jesus' precious name. Amen.

30th Day

I. Peter 2: 9. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers

and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul:

12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evil doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king, as supreme;

14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well.

15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but

committed himself to him that judgeth righteously.

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Meditation—That I might truly triumph I would know how to sacrifice.

Prayer for the Thirtieth Day

Healed by Thy stripes, O Christ! Redeemed by the blood of the everlasting covenant! How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation? May thy lost and wandering sheep return now from the barren mountain sides, and enter once more into the fold of Thine arms. O God we have been battered. The bitter winds have chilled our bones through and through, and the rocks have torn our flesh most fearfully. The wolves have given fright to our souls, and we have been bleeding and hunted and terrified! The world has been a little too much for us. We confess it. Now we come to Thee, for Thou hast overcome the world. Take us into Thy bright heart, O Shepherd of lonely desolate souls, and Healer of shattered and battered bodies. Give us complete restoration now. In Jesus' name. Amen.

31st Day

III. John 1. The elder unto the well beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

3 For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren

came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.

4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;

6 Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:

7 Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.

8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow helpers to the truth.

9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.

11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

12 Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

13 I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee:

14 But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to thee. Our friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

Prayer for the Thirty-first Day

Our Father which art in heaven, we know that Thou dost want us to prosper and be in health, even as our soul prospereth. And our

souls prosper only as they draw their breath from Thee. Breathe into us the breath of life, O God, that our Beings may be vitalized and we feel Thy heart throbs within our breast. We are ever conscious that Thou art our life Thou knowest our downsittings and our uprisings. Thou art All in All. Give me, O God, a fuller consciousness of Thy presence, and let me sing forth thy praises as long as I live. Let my life be a song of praise for Thy help and Thy strength. And let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord my strength and my Redeemer. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TOPICAL SCRIPTURE READING AND PRAYERS

(*Arranged Alphabetically*)

FIRST DAY

ABUNDANCE

1 I am come that they might have life; and that they might have it more abundantly. Jno. 10: 10.

2 A faithful man shall abound with blessings. Prov. 28: 20.

3 I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. Jer. 33: 6.

4 Unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance. Matt. 25: 29.

5 The meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. Ps. 57: 11.

6 The Grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant, with faith and love which is in Jesus Christ. I Tim. 14.

7 Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that ye ask or think. Eph. 3: 20.

Meditation—There shall nothing be lacking, for God shall supply all your need.

Prayer

Out of Thine infinite abundance, O God, Thou dost give to the needy. The storehouse of love and of healing is ever open to the sons of men, and they are invited to come and receive of Thy bounty. I accept Thy great offer just now, and I rest my soul in Thee. My heart is surrendered unto Thy will; and Thou art the Pilot of my life. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, into all Thy truth. Receive my thanksgiving and praise; and pardon all my sins. Fill me with Thine own free spirit, and save me for Thy mercies sake. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SECOND DAY

BROTHERHOOD

Love the brotherhood—fear God. I. Peter 11: 17.

Am I my brother's keeper? Gen. 4: 9.

I behaved as though he had been my brother. Ps. 35: 14.

Behold how good and how beautiful a thing it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity. Ps. 132: 1.

He that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven, the same is my brother. Matt. 12: 50.

I am distressed for thee, my brother. II. Sam. 1: 26.

He that loveth God, loveth His brother. I. Jno. 4: 21.

He that loveth his brother, abideth in the light. Jno. 2: 10.

Meditation—Only when loving our brother whom we have seen, can we love God whom we have not seen.

Prayer

Thou art our Master, O Christ, and all we are brethren. Help me, O Lord to realize the great Fatherhood of God, and to feel the sweet brotherhood of all God's little ones. Help me to be kind to the unthankful, loving to the unlovely and charitable to all my brethren. May I ever be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, for I know that God is my strength and I shall not be moved. In Thee I find fullness of hope, and I shall find life everlasting. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THIRD DAY

CONTENTMENT

Godliness with contentment is great gain. I. Tim. 6: 6.

Now therefore be content. Look upon me. Job 6: 28.

Be content with your wages. Luke 3: 14.

Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content. I. Tim. 6: 8.

I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. Phil. 4: 11.

Be content with such things as ye have. Heb. 13: 5.

Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he. Prov. 16: 20.

He that keepeth the law, happy is he. Prov. 29: 18.

Meditation—Rest content, my soul, this day, knowing God is with thee.

Prayer

May I learn O Lord to be content, in the realization of a life which is hid with Christ in God. Give me now the calm untroubled mind, even amid a turbulent world, rejoicing in Thy gifts of life and love, health and happiness and full salvation. Smile upon me now, and I shall have that peace which passeth understanding which the worldly life can never give. Hiding beneath the shelter of Thy wings, I rest and wait. I renew my strength each hour, as I realize that Thou, the originator of all strength, art dwelling in me. The peace of mind which Thou dost give is beyond all price. Gold and rubies are not to be compared with it. It is priceless! It is Divine. With Thy help O God, I shall have it forever. In Jesus' name. Amen.

FOURTH DAY

DISCERNMENT

He that is spiritual discerneth all things. I. Cor. 11: 15.

Because thou hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment, I have done according to thy word. I. Kings 3: 11.

They shall teach my people the difference between the holy and the profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. Ezek. 44: 23.

The Word of God is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Heb. 4: 12.

To another is given discernment of spirits. I. Cor. 12: 10.

Meditation—Thou enablest me O Lord, to discern truth, from error, and so to rejoice in it.

Prayer

O Thou discerner of all things, we pray for this gift. Clarify my judgment that I may prove all things, and hold fast to that which is good. Help me to apprehend the truth and to cleave to it. For with the truth I am free, and I am happy and I am useful. Help me to discern between truth and error, and to choose the truth, and I shall find my peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

FIFTH DAY

EXPERIENCE

I have learned by experience that the Lord hath blessed me. Gen. 30: 20.

My heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge. Eccl. 1: 16.

Patience worketh experience, and experience hop. Romans 5: 4.

Meditation—My spiritual experience is drawing me ever closer to Christ.

Prayer

O God, we crave for experience. But we desire that experience which edifieth the soul and strengtheneth the body. We want the experience of true knowledge and full confidence. Since experience is the great teacher, experience of Jesus Christ is the Greatest Teacher. O may I, from this hour, now experience Him in this entire nature of mine, so that from now on I feel and say that Thou art my strength and my song, my hiding place, my high tower, the Healer of all my ills. O Spirit of the Healing Christ, be Thou in me this day and evermore. And I will give Thee all the praise and all the glory, world without end. In Jesus' precious name. Amen.

SIXTH DAY

FAITH

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Heb. 11: 1.

This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. I. Jno. 5: 4.

If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say to this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove, and nothing shall be impossible to you. Matt. 17: 20.

Jesus saith unto them, Have faith in God. Mark 11: 22.

And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb who had never walked. The same heard Paul speak, who steadfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed said, with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked. Acts 14: 9.

Meditation—We walk by faith,—not by sight.

Prayer

O Lord increase our faith. As Thy disciples of old did plead, so we today would ask the same. Give us a larger, stronger, warmer, saving, healing faith in God, who doeth all things well.

Give us the faith that will really lay hold upon Thy promises, and that will accept Thy wondrous offer to us. We have all things through Thee. We are rich and free and strong and joyous in Thee. We are masters of our fate when we have Thee. We are rulers of our lives and destinies as long as Thou dost keep those lives. Our faith shall overcome the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SEVENTH DAY

GRACE

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. Luke 2: 40.

And all bare him witness and wondered, at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. Luke 4: 22.

The law was given by Moses, but grace, and truth came by Jesus Christ. Jno. 1: 17.

But unto every one of us is given grace. Eph. 4: 7.

God is able to make all grace abound to you. II. Cor. 9: 3.

My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness. II. Cor. 12: 9.

Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt. That ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. Col. 4: 6.

Meditation—The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ—May I share it today with Him!

Prayer

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us today. Help me O Lord to live Thy life. May the sweet and gentle graciousness which marked the Master, mark His child also. May that mild and winning attitude and bearing, so possess my person that I may be enabled to enlist others in Thy cause. May I make Thy gospel appear so beautiful that my fellowmen will want it likewise. Give me Thy grace, and endue me with Thy spirit—then will I teach transgressors Thy way, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee. Then shall the children of men have the Healing of God. In Jesus' name. Amen.

EIGHTH DAY

HEALTH

For I will restore health unto Thee and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord. Jer. 30: 17.

Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as Thy soul prospereth. III. Jno. 2.

Behold I will bring health and cure. Jer. 23: 6.

God is the health of my countenance and my God. Ps. 42: 11.

My words are life with those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Prov. 4: 22.

The tongue of the wise is health. Prov. 12: 18.

Take some meat, for this is for your health. Acts 27: 34.

Meditation—Obedience to God's law is the price,—of health, which He offers,—if you will pay it.

Prayer

God be merciful unto us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us. That Thy way may be known upon the earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Thou hast promised to bring us health O God, and cure of body and of soul. Teach us the rules of health. Teach us Thy ways. For in Thee is health and newness of life. Thy purity, O God, is the prescription for all health, and Thy truth fulfills every diagnosis. Now I know that Thy truth is become my shield and buckler, and I shall not fear nor ever be dismayed, for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. So be it in Jesus' name. Amen.

NINTH DAY

IMMORTALITY

Our Saviour Jesus Christ who hath abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. II. Tim. 1: 10.

This mortal must put on immortality. I. Cor. 15: 53.

The Lord of Lords who only hath immortality. I. Tim. 6: 16.

To them who by patient continuance in well doing, seek for glory and honour and immortality. Rom. 2: 7.

Now unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. I. Tim. 1: 17.

Meditation—Today is the vestibule of the house called immortality. Enter it like a man!

Prayer

Eternal, Immortal, Invisible One, Thou who dost inhabit Eternity, and of whom we know that none can stay Thy hand or say what doest Thou?—we pray for the intimation and sure evi-

dence of immortality in our own bodies—and in our spirits, which are Thine. Lord make me to know mine end, even as my beginning. Thou only art the Author and the Finisher,—Thou the only Healer. Touch now this body and this soul, so that this mortal shall put on immortality, and that He that raised up Christ from the dead shall now quicken and enliven this mortal body. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TENTH DAY

JUSTICE

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne. Ps. 85: 14.

He is excellent in power and in judgment and in plenty of justice. He will not afflict. Job. 37: 23.

Absolom said, moreover, O that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath my suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice. II. Sam. 15: 4.

What doth the Lord require of Thee, but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God. Micah. 6: 8.

Of the increase of His Government and peace, there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his Kingdom to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. Isaiah 9: 7.

Meditation—Justice sweetened with mercy is as the perfume of the lily.

Prayer

God of Justice, holy and true, in whom is no unrighteousness whatsoever, we confess to Thee alone, as being the one worthy to hear and weigh our cause. If we confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We would be like Thee, from whom we spring, and

in whose image we are made. May we reflect as in a mirror Thy beauty and Thy truth! O shape and fashion our wills and lives so as to be fit for the Master's use! Give us to feel this day the wondrous power of love, and judgment, and justice, and healing. We ask it all with the pardon of our sins and the acceptance of our worship. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ELEVENTH DAY

KINDNESS

Thy loving kindness is before mine eyes, and I have walked in Thy truth. Ps. 26: 3.

I will mention the loving kindness of the Lord. Is. 63: 7.

O praise the Lord all ye nations, praise Him all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord. Ps. 117.

With everlasting kindness will I have mercy on Thee saith the Lord, Thy redeemer. Is. 54: 8.

Put on therefore as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind. Col. 3: 12.

O Lord Thy loving kindness is before mine eyes. Ps. 26: 3.

Meditation—To be kind is so simple and easy to speak of, but requires constant thought to do.

Prayer

Thy loving kindness, O blessed Christ, is ever before me. When I remember the Father's unlimited love, I also, would love all men, yea, even mine enemies, for He is kind to the unthankful and the evil. Help me, O Christ to minister in Thy name in a world which is hungering and thirsting for the milk of human kindness. Help me to witness for Thee. Then

shall I be blest, and I shall know the beauty and the comfort, and the energizing power, which is found in being lost in Thee, and in being gathered under the fold of Thy healing wings. Thus redeem and save me, O Lord for Thy mercy's sake. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TWELFTH DAY

LOVE

His banner over me is love. Cant. 2: 4.

His banner to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. II. Sam. 1: 26.

The love of Christ constraineth us. II. Cor. 5: 14.

The fruit of the Spirit is love. Gal. 5: 22.

I have loved thee with an everlasting love. Jer. 31: 3.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye love one another. Jno. 13: 35.

He that loveth not, knoweth not God—for God is love. I. Jno. 4: 8.

Behold how he loved him! Jno. 11: 36.

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. I. Jno. 3: 1.

Meditation—Armies and thrones are feeble compared to the marvelous power of love.

Prayer

Fountain of light and life and love, teach me Thy secret. Make me to know the healing mystery of love. Cause me to realize the deeper significance of His Calvary, as the culmination of divine Eternal love. He there took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses. He there as the good shepherd of our souls, lay down His life for the sheep. May we not love its meaning. May we not pass on, and miss His loving message and His healing atonement for the world. He says, "as the Father hath loved me,

even so love I you, and greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend." I give my life in return for Thy life, and therein I find my spirit healed and my body restored. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THIRTEENTH DAY

MERCY

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Ps. 103: 17.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Matt. 5: 7.

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee, bind them about thy neck, write them upon the table of thine heart; so shalt thou find favor, and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Prov. 3: 3.

The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy. Ps. 119: 64.

The wisdom that is from above is full of mercy and good fruits. James 3: 17.

Ye pay tithes of mint and anise, but have omitted the weightier matter of the law, judgment and mercy. Matt. 23: 23.

And He said, Which was neighbor unto him that fell among thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy. Luke 10: 37.

Meditation—As I require Thy continued mercy, O Lord, give me a heart of mercy.

Prayer

Father of all mercies, from Thee we learn its blessed meaning. Without the Lord there is none to show mercy. And this sweetest element of human life finds its perfect expression in Thy life divine. The quality of mercy is not strained. It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed. It blesseth him that gives and him that takes. 'Tis the mightiest in the might-

iest. It becomes the throned monarch better than his crown. His sceptre shows the force of temporal power, wherein does sit the dread and fear of Kings. But mercy is above this sceptered sway. It is enthroned in the heart of Kings. It is an attribute of God Himself. And earthly power dost then show likest God's, where mercy seasons justice. Let not mercy forsake us, O Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.

FOURTEENTH DAY

NEIGHBORLINESS

Which one was neighbor to him? Luke 10: 36.

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Ex. 20.

In that day, saith the Lord, shall ye call every man his *neighbor,* under the vine and under the fig tree. Zech. 3: 10.

Let every man please his neighbor for his good. Rom. 15: 2.

And ye were now turned and had done right in my sight in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbor. Jer. 34: 15.

And he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying Rejoice with me for I have found the sheep which was lost. Luke 15: 6.

Meditation—I shall live so as to have it said I was a good neighbor.

Prayer

Thou Christ of all humanity, let Thy children call every man his neighbor. Help us O Lord, at all times to realize that Thou hast made of one blood all men, to dwell on the face of the earth and that we are the children of a common Father. O God help us to prove neighbors to those we meet, by showing them Christian kindness and courtesy. Shake us out of our selfish sufficiency, and teach us that Thy

spirit is that of service for others. The little attentions as well as the great, and the daily kindnesses to our lonely fellows, is what we crave, O Christ. Then shall we find our own happiness by losing ourselves, and then shall we be Thy disciples. In Jesus' name. Amen.

FIFTEENTH DAY

OBEDIENCE

If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land. Isaiah 1: 19.

By the obedience of one shall any be made righteous. Rom. 5: 19.

Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. II. Cor. 10: 5.

I set before you this day a blessing if ye obey the commandments of your God. Deut. 11: 27.

By faith Abraham obeyed, and he went out not knowing whither he went. Heb. 11: 8.

Christ became obedient unto death even the death of the cross. Phil. 2: 8.

To obey is better than sacrifice. I. Sam. 15: 22.

Meditation—He who learns properly to obey can one day reign. He shall rule over princes.

Prayer

Meek and lowly Jesus, who became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, may I sit at Thy feet this day, and learn of Thee the lesson of obedience. O give me the willing and obedient spirit, that I may enter into the blessing which is in store for all Thy children. That I may fully claim Thy promise, I now submit my will to Thee and bow in full surrender. I will obey Thy voice. I will do Thy will, for Thou art my hope and my strong rock, and I shall never be moved. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SIXTEENTH DAY

PROSPERITY

If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity and their years in pleasure. Job. 36: 11.

The Lord hath pleasure in the prosperity of His servant. Ps. 35: 27.

In the day of prosperity be joyful. Eccl. 7: 14.

The Lord was with Joseph and he was a prosperous man. Gen. 39: 2.

I have brought him and he shall make his way prosperous. Isaiah 48: 15.

If thou wert pure and upright, surely now He would awake for thee and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous. Job. 8: 6.

Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. Ps. 122: 7.

Meditation—God will prosper me in all my ways, if I with faithfulness serve Him.

Prayer

Thou hast told us to ask and to receive. O Christ, we ask Thee now for prosperity and peace. The world has been so full of poverty and adversity, and war and wounds, and evil doings as a result of man's short-sightedness and sin, that in repentance we now accept and take Thy promise of healing, prosperity and peace. We are told in Thy word that if we obey and serve Thee we shall spend our days in prosperity. Teach me, O Lord, the meaning of the true and supreme prosperity; which is to be rich toward God. Then shall we have all our wishes satisfied, for He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him. Teach us the literal truth that every good gift, and every perfect gift is from above. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SEVENTEENTH DAY

QUIETNESS

In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. Isa. 30: 15.

The effect of righteousness shall be quietness and assurance forever. Isaiah 32: 17.

It is a good thing that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. Lam. 3: 26.

The words of wise men are heard in quiet. Eccl. 9: 17.

He leadeth me beside the waters of quietness. Ps. 23: 2.

That we may lead a quiet and peaceable life. I. Tim. 2: 2.

The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit which is, in the sight of God, of great price. I. Peter 3: 4.

Meditation—The key to health—as that to happiness—is a calm and quiet spirit.

Prayer

In the quiet of Thy presence, we can hear Thy gentle voice, whispering, Be still, and know that I am God. I am the Lord Thy God —Thy Healer. I will give thee rest. I will give thee riches, and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had. I will give thee the keys of the kingdom. Thou art now and ever shall be a king in thine own right, with mighty power. But open our eyes O Lord to know, that power and strength lies in the quiet place. Thou leadest me beside the still waters. And grant us to tarry in the secret place of the Holy One, until we be capable of that divinely priceless ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is the healing for the nations. In Jesus' name. Amen.

EIGHTEENTH DAY

RIGHTEOUSNESS

The righteous Lord loveth righteousness. Ps. 11: 7.

He that worketh righteousness shall never be moved. Ps. 15: 2.

Righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Ps. 85: 10.

The righteousness of the upright shall deliver him. Prov. 11: 6.

Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues. Prov. 16: 8.

Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Matt. 5: 6.

When the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God saying, Certainly this was a righteous man. Luke 23: 47.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Ps. 23.

Meditation—From the cup of righteousness, I will drink freely and so be well pleasing to God.

Prayer

Thou leadest us, O tender Shepherd, in the paths of righteousness. We have too often followed our own paths of self-will and worldly desire. We have done those things which we ought not to have done, and we have left undone many of Thy requirements. Our thoughts and purposes have often been impure. But now O God as forgiven souls, we surrender our whole lives to Thee, and we have confidence and strength in the knowledge that Thou leadest us in the paths of righteousness. We long and crave a righteous life. We know that Thou dost love righteousness and dost require it. Therefore we present our lives and pray

Thee to purge out all else, and to leave us pure and true, and to keep us healed and well, and strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. In Jesus' name. Amen.

NINETEENTH DAY

SACRIFICE

I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. Rom. 12: 1.

With such sacrifice God is well pleased. Heb. 13: 16.

For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. I. Cor. 5: 7.

A sword shall pierce through thine own soul also. Luke 2: 35.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. Ps. 51: 17.

Meditation—No worth-while achievement was ever performed without sacrifice—nor ever will be!

Prayer

O Lamb of God, Eternal Sacrifice, from the foundation of the world; we would sit at Thy feet and learn of Thee. From contact with Thy life, we would know the reality of sacrifice. We would learn the inner mystery and meaning of atonement. What is the significance of the solemn words, "I gave my life for thee?" O Christ, give us again in our day a real conception of the sacrificial spirit, amid all the tumult and the shouting of greedy and avaricious self-seeking. Grant, O God, that Thy child may be kept from the contagion and the blasting contamination of this most deadly of disases. Help me today to be like Jesus, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister. May I live

the life of sacrifice for others, because He that loseth His life for may sake, and the gospel's the same shall save it unto life eternal. Be with me, and I shall live today in all things as unto the Lord, whose I am and whom I serve,—in whom I have full healing, peace and joy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TWENTIETH DAY

TRUTH

And Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? Jno. 18: 38.

Jesus saith, I am the truth. Jno. 14: 6.

Truth shall make you free. Jno. 8: 32.

If the son shall make you free ye shall be free indeed. Jno. 8: 36.

His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Ps. 91: 4.

Buy the truth and sell it not. Prov. 23: 23.

The lip of truth shall be established forever. Prov. 12: 19.

By mercy and truth iniquity is purged. Prov. 16: 16.

The only begotten, full of grace and truth. Jno. 1: 14.

The church of the living God,—the pillar and ground of truth. I. Tim. 3: 15.

Meditation—Truth is the pearl of great price, which one may appropriately sell all that he has to procure.

Prayer

Spirit of Truth, descend upon my heart. Possess this needy nature, and pervade this life of mine. O my Father, take away all falsity and error, because these are the source of all our misery. Thou source of all truth, Eternal, when I live in Thee entirely I have no sadness and no fear. For Thou art with me. I am

made for this place I fill. I fully fit in to Thy plan of things, since where truth is there is no unharmony, no discord. Thy truth endureth to all generations, and Thy child in the truth standeth upright with fulness of joy. Thy truth O Christ hath made me free in soul, body and estate. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY

UNDERSTANDING

Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding. Prov. 4: 7.

Happy is the man that getteth understanding. Prov. 3: 13.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not on thine own understanding. Prov. 3: 5.

The wisdom of the prudent is to understand His way. Prov. 14: 8.

They that understand, among the people shall instruct many. Dan. 11: 33.

The peace of God which passeth all understanding. Phil. 4: 7.

Meditation—As unto Solomon, O Lord, unto me also, give wisdom, and an understanding heart.

Prayer

Almighty and ever-adorable God, sweet and blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, majestic and righteous Holy Spirit, open Thou the eyes of mine understanding, that I may this day comprehend Thee and Thy loving law, and that I may praise Thy name for Thy wondrous providence. Thou hast saved me and kept me. Thou hast given me joy and enthusiasm. Thou hast blest me, and helped me and made me to conquer. O give me the understanding heart, that I may discern the needs of Thy children,

and Thine own provision for each need, and thereby I may help to bring God's gracious offer to man's urgent requirements and needs. Having been helped and healed myself, O Christ may I tell the tidings, and so pass on to other travelers the blessings which Thou dost have in store, for all who love and trust in Thee. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY

VISION

I was among the captives and the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God. Ez. 1: 1.

And I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision. Acts 26: 19.

For young men shall see visions. Joel 2: 28.

And he wished not that it was true, but thought he saw a vision. Acts 12: 9.

And God spake unto Israel in a vision of the night. Gen. 46: 2.

And I alone saw the vision, for the men that were with me saw it not. Dan. 10: 7.

Meditation—For the higher vision, O Lord we pray.

Prayer

God give us vision! We are so shortsighted and so blind. We can hardly see beyond the sphere of our own little circle. Our selfishness has blurred our eyes, but the love of God dost clarify them. Thy love, O Lord, in our souls dost cause us to see over continents and across the seas. It causes us to pray for all men everywhere, that they also may know the Lord, whom to know aright is life eternal. We wish others also to be saved and healed. O give Thy servants the Vision Glorious, of a race redeemed, and of a spirit purified among the sons of men, and of a condition where right-

eousness and love shall be the rule in our lives —instead of greed and base ambition. Grant to us the heavenly visions that Thine apostle Paul experienced, wherein we may do our share to stimulate and lift the race toward God. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TWENTY-THIRD DAY

WORK

A doer of work shall be blessed in his deed. Jas. 1: 25.

I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day. Jno. 9: 4.

Be strong, saith the Lord, and work; for I am with you. Hag. 2: 4.

Go work today in my vineyard. Matt. 21: 28.

It may be that the Lord will work for us. I. Sam. 14: 6.

My Father worketh hitherto and I work. Jno. 5: 17.

It is God that worketh in you, to will and to do of His good pleasure. Phil. 2: 13.

What shall we do that we might work the works of God? Jno. 6: 28.

This is the work of God that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent. Jno. 6: 29.

Meditation—The salvation of the race, and my own perfecting lies in active consecrated work.

Prayer

I thank Thee O Lord of life, for the wonderful blessing of work. Inspire in me the zeal, and the passion to be busy in Thy vineyard, harvesting souls for Thee. The work which Thou dost give me, may I do it with my might. The labor of love which my Master engaged in while He was on the earth, is to me a constant inspiration and strength. It stimulates and challenges my efforts that I too, like Him, may

be strong and active and helpful. May His work and labor of love, and His atoning and healing sacrifice, be to me as a shining example to spur me on to greater usefulness in Thy vineyard, for the night cometh when no man can work. Illumine my task for Jesus' sake. Amen.

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY

CHRIST (XT)

Christ in you is the hope of glory. Col. 1: 27.

I can do all thing through Christ. Phil. 4: 13.

Not I, but Christ liveth in me. Gal. 2: 20.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ. Phil. 2: 5.

One is your master, even Christ. Matt. 23: 8.

Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Cor. 1: 24.

If any man be in Christ he is a new creature. II. Cor. 15: 22.

Meditation—The inner Christ in me this day, fully saves my body even as my soul.

Prayer

When I think of Thee, O Christ, in the day time, I am overcome. When I meditate upon Thee in the night watches, my heart fails me. Thou art so great, so true, so wonderful! And Thou canst make me like to Thee! Thou canst give me spiritual soundness like Thine own. Thou canst give me physical health the same as Thine. O help us to discern the Lord's body, My blood shed for remission,—of your soul's sin, My body broken for you—your body's healing—that it may be fulfilled which was spoken by Esais the prophet, saying, "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses," or by David the Psalmist, "He forgiveth all thine iniquities. He healeth all thy diseases." O

Christ of Calvary, we appreciate and now accept that great atonement. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY

YIELDING

Yielding pacifieth great offences. Eccl. 10: 14.

Chastening yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness. Heb. 12: 11.

Yield yourselves to the Lord. II. Chron. 30: 8.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. James 4: 7.

I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service.

Meditation—I would yield to others in love, and in honor preferring one another.

Prayer

Almighty and most merciful Father, we would yield our bodies and our souls entirely to Thy keeping. And we would pray for the submissive spirit toward our fellow men, that with all true grace and tenderness we may be living witnesses for Thee. May we engage not in doubtful disputations, and bickerings of a selfish sort, but evermore possess that Christian spirit of humility, in honor preferring one another. We learn in Thy word that yielding pacifieth great offences, and we are taught also that a soft answer turneth away wrath. May we therefore have in us the same mind which was also in Christ Jesus, who came not to please Himself, but to give His life. Cultivate in Thy servants those true qualities and graces, which shall enable them to serve Thee acceptably, and to represent Thee accurately to the edification, salvation and full healing of the

people. Give unto me this day a yielding disposition that I may win many unto Thee. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY

ZEAL

The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9: 7.

It is good to be zealous affected in a good thing. Gal. 4: 18.

The zeal of thy house hath eaten me up. Ps. 69: 9.

And he was clad with zeal, as a cloak. Isa. 59: 17.

Come and see my zeal for the Lord. II Kings 10: 16.

He was zealous for his God. Numbers 25: 13.

Meditation—The king's business requires haste. May Christian zeal characterize my God-given crusade.

Prayer

Cause our pulses to beat fast, our fingers to move quickly, and our feet to fly, O Lord, in the service of the King! Make us zealous of good works, and fill us with enthusiasm for Thy great cause. May the zeal of the prophets of old, and the fire of the early apostles, take hold upon us also today, so that we may run hither and thither, proclaiming and practising the glad tidings of Christ. May we go everywhere preaching the kingdom, and healing the sick through faith, as Thou hast constantly commanded Thy followers. Give us that holy and passionate zeal which convinces the slow of heart; that enthusiasm of truth which sweeps all before it, and is irresistible. Take no rest and give us no rest, until we have done our utmost for Thee, in preaching the Kingdom and healing the sick, in Thy name. In Jesus' sake. Amen.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY

FORGIVENESS

There is forgiveness with thee, O Lord. Ps. 130: 4.

In whom we have redemption through His blood, even forgiveness of sins. Col. 1: 14.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness. Dan. 9: 9.

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Luke 11: 4.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins. I. Jno. 1: 9.

Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven. Luke 6: 37.

God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Eph. 4: 32.

Her sins which are many are forgiven, for she loved much. Luke 7: 47.

Meditation—The Christly richness of forgiveness is its own record.

Prayer

Merciful and gracious Father, who pardoneth all our iniquities if we in penitence confess our sins, we come now leaning on Thy promise. We have grievously sinned and fallen short of Thy glory. But we trust Thee to restore us wholly. God of the needy, who forgiveth all our iniquities, and healeth all our diseases, heal us now we pray. And give us also that sweet spirit of forgiveness which blots out every infringement and wrong, and remembers not any insult or injury. Show us the meaning of the principle "love your enemies." Teach us its inner and actual significance. Give us the kindly spirit which is the mark of full salvation and perfect healing. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY

PRAYER

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5: 16.

My house shall be called a house of prayer. Matt. 21: 13.

Whatsoever ye ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive. Matt. 21: 22.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and his ears are open unto their prayers. I. Pet. 3: 12.

And it came to pass in those days that He went out into a mountain to pray and continued all night in prayer to God. Luke 6: 12.

Thou shalt make Thy prayer unto Him, and He shall hear Thee. Job. 22: 27.

I will call upon God, and the Lord shall save me. Ps. 55: 16.

Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks. I. Thess. 5: 17.

Evening and morning and at noon will I pray. Ps. 55: 17.

Meditation—If we can pray aright, life's riddle for us is solved, because all things are ours.

Prayer

Lord teach us to pray—even as Thou didst teach our predecessors. Instill into us that continual spirit of intimate sweet communion with Thee, which submits every issue to Thy testing, for man should engage upon no great or important enterprise without first going to the Supreme Being in prayer. In this way we know we shall not go astray. And in this way we are guaranteed we shall receive all that for which our soul yearns with a deep and sincere yearning. We are thus linked with Thee, our all-wise, all-loving Friend, and Thou wilt give us a successful issue to our desires, which are

then sanctified and true and justified. Thou hast said, Whatever ye shall ask in my name, I will do it. Teach us, O Christ how to truly ask in Thy name, and in Thy spirit, for all things of body, mind or estate, and we shall have them. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY

PATIENCE

In patience possess ye your souls. Luke 21: 19.

The God of patience grant you to be like-minded. Rom. 15: 5.

Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds. II. Cor. 12: 12.

The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patient waiting for Christ. II. Thess. 3: 5.

Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire wanting nothing. James 1: 4.

I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me and heard my cry. He brought me up out of the horrible pit out of the miry clay and set my feet upon a rock. Ps. 40: 1.

Meditation—Above anything else I seek patience, because by it I can have everything else.

Prayer

God of marvelous patience, whose loving kindness is unending, and whose mercy endureth forever, give unto us a like mind. In calmness and self-control may we work at our appointed task yet never fretting or worrying over the delayed fulfillment. Let us in the morning sew the seed and in the evening withhold not the hand and Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap

if we faint not. For we know that patience does her perfect work, and they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up on wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing. Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart. Wait I say on the Lord. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

THIRTIETH DAY

SPIRITUALITY

To be spiritually minded is life, and peace. Rom. 8: 6.

The things of God—are spiritually discerned. I. Cor. 2: 14.

I long to see you that I may impart to you some spiritual gift. Rom. 1: 11.

We do not cease to pray for you and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Col. 1: 9.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Ephes. 1: 3.

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault ye which are spiritual restore such a one, in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Gal. 6: 1.

Meditation—God is a spirit, hence I would develop spiritually so as to understand Him.

Prayer

The life which I live O God is lived in the atmosphere's sunlight of Thy spirit. The spirit giveth life and love, and the spirit filled life is the only life of reality. It is the joyful life. To be spiritually minded is life, because God

the author of life is Himself a spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. So we crave O God a deep and abiding spirituality. We plead for the mind in us which was in Christ Jesus and we would possess a like spiritual nature. We repudiate at the base materialism which would tempt us, and with Thee we rise up above the earthly and the low. We would drink deeply at the fountain of God and ask for the spiritual heart. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY

HAPPINESS

Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed. Gen. 30: 13.

Happy is every one that feareth the Lord. Ps. 128: 2.

Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he. Prov. 16: 20.

Happy is the people whose God is the Lord. Prov. 144: 15.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom. Prov. 3: 13.

The fear of the Lord that is wisdom. Prov. 21: 30.

He that keepeth the law happy is he. Prov. 29: 18.

If ye know these things happy are ye, if ye do them. Jno. 13: 17.

Meditation—Happiness is the supreme goal. It is found in God. It is found only in God.

Prayer

Life with Thee, O Lord and Master, is the highest happiness. Help me to live consciously in Thee. Let not the things of this world overwhelm me or becloud my judgment. Always may I remember that the things which are seen

are temporal, but the things which are unseen are eternal. Help me not to mistake gold for God, nor to sacrifice the reality of life for the shining bauble. Happiness is indeed our highest goal, but wilt thou O Lord of wisdom, teach us the right way to obtain happiness. Show us that it is gained through Holy living, and retained through giving it to others. The joy of life is within our grasp, if we will but take hold upon it, by basing our lives on Thee. We find happiness and healing today and every day in walking by Thy side, and in living with Thee, our closest friend. So be it, in Jesus' name. Amen.

SUNDRY PRAYERS

I.

A General Prayer

Almighty God, inasmuch as Thou hast made us in Thine own image and likeness, and hast created us but little lower than the angels, crowning us with glory and honor, we rejoice this day and praise Thy name in humble gratitude. The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. We are therefore co-workers together with God. We are creators with the Father. We make for ourselves the atmosphere in which we live,—we work out our own salvation, God working with us. We beseech Thee, O Father, to give us great wisdom and great courage and vision, that we may create a building and a city of God, one of beauty and of strength, which is not made with hands, but a city which hath foundations, Eternal in the heavens. We dwell in heavenly places now, did we but know it; we mount up on wings as eagles. Like the old apostle, the life which we now live, we live by faith in Jesus Christ. He is our friend, our companion, our strength, in whom we do trust. Walk with us as we walk today, talk with us as we talk today. Work with us, plan with us, play with us, serve with us, and we will be Thy people, redeemed, reclaimed, recovered, and Thou shalt be our God. In Jesus' name. Amen.

II.

Prayer for the Chief Executive

God of nations and of men, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Thy loving kindness and Thy tender mercies are with us in the day time,

and in the night watches, and Thy truth endureth unto all generations. Grant, we beseech Thee, to bless and cherish this land in which we live, and which we love. Guide especially the footsteps of our chief executive, the President of this Republic, that he may not falter, err, nor stumble, but that with firm and steady tread, assisted by his co-laborers; and walking hand in hand with Thee, he shall lead this great people into paths of peace and righteousness and healing, and that we, as humble, true and loyal subjects, shall do those things which are lawful, just and right, and through his leadership shall help this land to become rightly known as a nation and a people whose God is the Lord. Hover over him with thy blessing, healing presence. Keep him from all harm and injury; and grant that he may guide Thy children as Thou wouldst have them go, through the precious merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

III.

Prayer for the Sick and Afflicted

Compassionate Christ! who art not respector of persons, but lover of all men, touched with the feeling of our infirmities, O fill Thou up our incompleteness. Thou who wast wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities; who hast taken our infirmities and borne our sicknesses in Thine own body on the tree, receive now our full acceptance of Thine atoning grace, and release us from the curse of sin and sickness. Open Thou our eyes that we may see Thy purpose and read Thy word aright. Give us confidence and courage that we may appropriate and utilize Thy wondrous plan, as Thou hast so plainly shown it in Thy word. Give us deep compassion and tender

love for all Thy suffering ones, and may we ever bring to them the consolation of Jesus Christ for their weary souls, not only, but for their uneasy painful bodies. Thy word is full of promises of healing. Thy life was full of loving deeds of healing. Thy commands repeatedly urge healing for Thy followers, through faith. O Christ, give us that faith and health this day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IV.

Prayer For Those in Divine Presence

We are admonished, O Christ of God, in this Thy Holy Book, that we should *forsake not* the assembling of ourselves together, and further, that we should speak oft with one another and with Thee in spiritual and loving fellowship. So we come O Lord just now. We pray for those who are in divine presence, here assembled. They are children and heirs of God,—joint heirs with Jesus Christ. Lay Thy loving hand upon us. Cause us to know and feel the communion of Thy presence. Move our souls to spiritual ecstasy and touch our bodies with Thy healing love,—just now. Purge out the dross, burn out the sin. Renovate this house of our earthly tabernacle, of all worldly things, and come Thou with triumphant entry in; possess and dwell forevermore. Sanctify and consecrate this place and gathering, with Thy Holy Spirit, and have us in Thine eternal keeping, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V.

Prayer For Full-Gospel Crusaders

Strong Deliverer, Thy true followers and disciples, prophets and apostles in every age, have sacrificd and suffered and borne the rod for Thee. They have endured the bitter shafts of

social ostracism and of physical torment and persecution. They have undergone the chastening and spurning and derision of a heartless world. But because they have insisted still on Thy commandments in the face of human apathy or opposition, Thou hast never left them nor forsaken them, but rather hast Thou done them eternal honor, because they glorified in their tribulations. When they were weak, then they were strong, in Thee. Thy have been smitten and scourged and spit upon, and at times have been even cast out of the synagogue, because they preached Thy word—too zealously! But none of these things moved them. Crusaders indeed were they! O raise up followers today with that same undaunted spirit, that determination to preach Thine entire gospel, and to preach it zealously and earnestly no matter what the cost! In face of antogonism in high places, in spite of coldness and indifference even in the sanctuary, may these Thy present-day crusaders have the courage and the zeal to heed Thy voice in spite of what men may do unto them, and great is their reward! In Jesus' Precious Name. Amen.

VI.

Prayer For the Missionary Cause

O most mighty and merciful Father, we invoke Thy special blessing upon the missionary cause this day. To those whom Thou hast called and truly authorized to go forth in Thy name to preach the kingdom and heal the sick. wilt Thou give a special anointing of the Holy Ghost. Wilt Thou strengthen and prosper them. Whether they labor in home or foreign fields, wilt Thou bless them with Thine own signs following, and with good results. Provide, O God, the necessary means for this great task.

Open Thou the hearts and purses of Thy true and loyal ones, that they may realize that being rich toward God is better than laying up treasure on earth. That it verily is more blessed to give than to receive, and that the Lord loveth a cheerful giver. Thy commissionaires now give their lives and all, because they love Thy cause. O Christ of God, enrich and stimulate this vital work and call out Thine own anointed ones to go and take the whole gospel to the whole world. God bless the Healing Missionary. In Jesus' name. Amen.

VII.

Prayer For Regeneration of the Church

O Founder of the Living Church, we confess our grievous fault and great shortcoming in that we Thy modern church have sometimes quenched Thy spirit and caused it to depart from us. O Christ of God, forgive our negligence. Forget this great omission we have made, wherein we have preached the kingdom only, but have not healed the sick, as Thou always didst command. Pardon our indifference and indolence, and grant unto us that contrite determination that hereafter as far as in us lies, we will carry out Thy full commands, and obeying Thee, will bless and edify Thy suffering children. Give Thy Church the great compassion Thou didst have. Imbue us with that tender mercy and that compelling love. Teach us that we are now our brother's keeper and that we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not please ourselves. Re-awaken Thy church O God, to the wondrous boon and blessing which is just outside her door, which she so tragically has missed, but now can grasp for Jesus' sake. Amen.

VIII.

Prayer For the Healing Passion

Give unto us, O Lord, Give unto us, even as in the old time, Thy gracious strength and Thy healing power. Give unto us a veritable passion That Thy children may be restored in body and soul. As Thou didst summon Thy disciples; didst give them the power and also the authority, to preach the gospel of the kingdom, to cleanse and heal the sick and every manner of disease: and as Thou didst call the afflicted unto Thee, truly vouchsafing unto them all Thy benefits, likewise, O Lord, through the merits of Thy holy Son wilt Thou today open the fountains of Thy mercy and Thy love, and let Thy blessings flow upon us, even more fully than we are able to ask or think. We pray for the Healing Passion. We pray that Thou wilt urge us on, we pray Thou wilt give Thy messengers no rest until they carry out Thy will in full, and become obedient to Thy great Commission, to preach the kingdom,—heal the sick. O support and bless the weak and needy now, and hold them in the hollow of Thy loving hand, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

IX,

Nunc Dimittis. Luke 2: 29-32

Lord now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word.

30 For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.

31 Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people.

32 A light to lighten the gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Benediction. II. Cor. 13: 14.

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

X.

Prayer For Confession and Absolution

Merciful Christ our Saviour, who came to earth to call the sinner to repentance, and who delighteth not in the death of the wicked; but who died for us while we were yet sinners,—we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. We know that if we do repent and confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive us even now our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Moreover Thou hast authorized Thy ministers to assure forgiveness on this earth to those who are truly sorry and confess repentance of all their sins and shortcomings. Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Thou dost grant Remission and Absolution now to Thine erring and wayward child who stands convicted and repentant in Thy presence. Grant unto us, we beseech Thee, O God, that true and deep spirit of repentance and righteous determination that our lives may be well pleasing in Thy sight, and be a blessing to ourselves and others in this day, and that the remainder of our years on earth may be spent in righteous, Godly living, and that finally we may enter into the joy of the Lord, there to dwell with God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen and Amen.

The Master Key of Bible Healing

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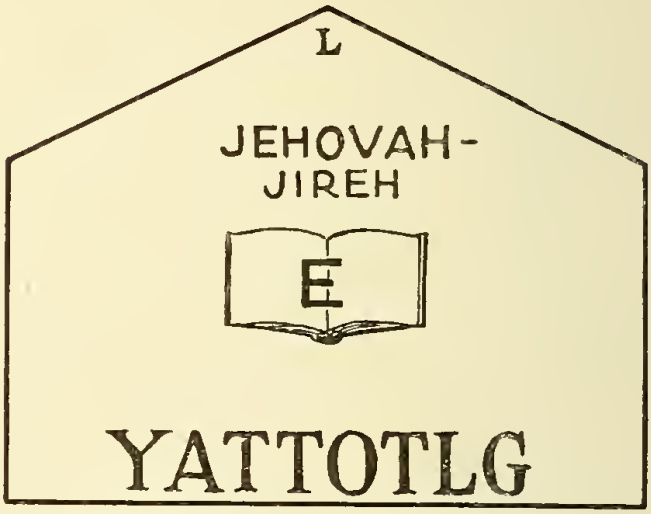

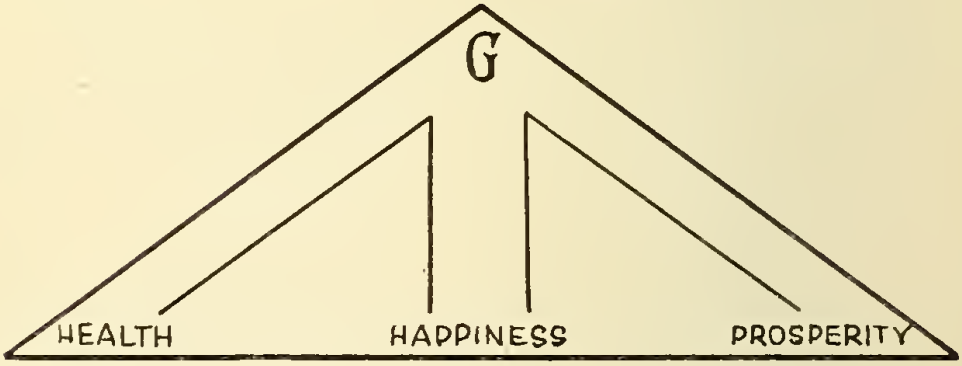

I A T R A T L

I am the Lord thy Healer. Old Test. Ex. 15: 26.

If ye shall ask anything in my name I will do it. New Test. John 14: 12.

CONSTANT MOTTO

Every day will I bless thee; every hour now improve. I can truly do all things through my master's strengthening love. Ps. 14: 2. Phil. 4: 13.

(Repeat slowly, over, and over, and over.)

Positive Promises of God

I will restore health unto thee, and heal thee of all thy wounds, saith the Lord. Jer. 30: 17.

I will forgive their sin and will heal. II. Chron. 7: 14.

My words are life unto those that find them and health to all their flesh. Prov. 4: 22.

Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he. Prov. 16: 20.

If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. Jno. 13: 17.

Happy is everyone that feareth the Lord. Ps. 128: 1.

If they obey and serve him they shall spend their days in prosperity. Job. 36: 11.

The Lord hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servants. Ps. 35: 27.

Ask and ye shall receive. Jno. 16: 24.

Denial of the Opposite

I will take away sickness from the midst of thee. Ex. 23: 25.

Himself bare our sicknesses. Matt. 8: 17.

The Lord will take away from thee all sickness. Deut. 7: 15.

Sorrow and morning shall flee away. Is. 51: 11.

There shall be no more death, neither sorrow. Rev. 21: 4.

Your sorrow shall be turned to joy. Jno. 16: 20.

The Lord liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity. II. Sam. 4: 9.

God himself saved you out of all adversities. I. Sam. 10: 19.

He brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay and set my feet upon a rock. Ps. 40: 2.

SOLUTION OF THE MASTER KEY

THE root philosophy of our religion is Judaism. The Law of Moses given from God is its basic principle. Judaism is most fundamentally, truly and fully represented by the Temple. In the Master Key of Bible Healing the first figure is a temple. The letter "L" at the apex represents Law. The law was given by Moses, and obedience to it is life. The Hebrew word Jehovah-Jireh, is Judaism's symbol for "The Lord will provide." The figure at the centre of the temple is the Bible, and at the centre of the Bible the letter E is for Emmanuel—God with us. At the bottom of the Jewish temple we have the initial letters of the wondrous truth, Ye—are—the—temple—of—the—Living God. II. Cor. 6: 16.

The second figure is a pyramid, with its three sides representing Christianity, with its trinity conception. The "G" at the apex is for "Gospel." On the Law and the Gospel our whole system is based. But God is the Giver of the Gospel, so this "G" also represents God, or Grace. "For the Law was given by Moses, but Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ." Jno. 1: 17. Health, happiness and prosperity form the base of the Christian pyramid. They are essential and basic requirements to the "abundant life" for which Jesus came. But since God positively promises these blessings to true devotees (see opposite page) all of these avenues lead up to God and He in turn pours down His blessings through these channels.

The letters under the pyramid are the initial letters of the foundation of all our highest hope, namely, "I am the resurrection and the life." Jno. 11:25. He that believeth in me shall live. In other words, "If the spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies." Rom. 8: 11. Not immortal bodies, but the present physical body which you now have.

This is the Master Key to the Bible Healing Secret of Success and Efficacy. If it is fully understood and used, it will open God's storehouse, and place the powers of the universe at your disposal.

HEALING EPIGRAMS.

In Bible Healing, sin and sickness flee away.

God's hidden gifts are all revealed in this Gospel.

Understand Bible Healing, and Life's whole riddle is solved.

Bible Healing is the Key unlocking the mystery of Calvary.

In Bible Healing we appropriate the Treasure House of eternal love.

The prize of the ages is ours, if we have and live this Gospel.

The Eternal gift of Health and Redemption is found in Bible Healing.

In Bible Healing, God has given us full health, happiness and prosperity.

Body, mind and soul are reclaimed through Bible Healing.

This Bible truth eliminates disease and sin.

Sickness and guilt will melt like snow in Blessed Bible Healing.

Bible Healing is Utopia, actually realized.

The vitalizing energy of God my strength, now permeates my Being and keeps me in perfect health.

The Peace of God which passeth all understanding keeps my heart and mind in the love of God and of perfect harmony.

The all-embracing affluence of God my Father, is now at my disposal and I have wealth untold through His riches.

SELF-MASTERY

The Basis of All Mastery

A thought for each day of the week, which if repeated several times, and contemplated carefully, will absolutely calm the nerves, soothe the soul, bring sleep at night; and strengthen and equip the spirit, will, and body in the day time, for every task of life.

Sunday. Being born of God we are lifted up out of the fret of this world, and are set down in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Monday. I work out my own salvation, for God has placed in my breast the stars of my fate.

Tuesday. As one thinks in his heart so is he, for out of it are all the issues of life.

Wednesday. May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be truly worthy, now.

Thursday. I can do all things desirable, without exception, in Christ,—nothing out of Him.

Friday. The Creator, God my Father is an infinite Power-house, and all I need to do is to keep up the connection to be guaranteed All-power.

Saturday. This is the day to joyfully prepare myself for God's Holy Sabbath. So is every day, because all are sacred to Him.

SECTION IV.

The Psalter

THE PSALTER OR BOOK OF PSALMS OF DAVID

(To be Read Through Each Month)

First Day of the Month—Prayer for Morning

PSALM 1.

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the Law of the Lord; and in his law doth he mediate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM 2.

WHY do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his Anointed, saying,

3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

6 Yet have I set my King upon my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them into pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

PSALM 3.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me.

2 Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah.

3 But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

4 I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.

5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me.

6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about.

7 Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

8 Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.

PSALM 4.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah.

3 But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

6 There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

8 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

PSALM 5.

GIVE ear to my words, O Lord; consider my meditation.

2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

4 For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

7 But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

8 Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

10 Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

12 For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

First Day of the Month—Prayer for Evening

PSALM 6.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am weak: O Lord, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O Lord, how long?

4 Return, O Lord, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

5 For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

6 I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.
7 Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.
8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.
9 The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer.
10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

PSALM 7.

O Lord my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:
2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.
3 O Lord my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands;
4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy;)
5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah.
6 Arise, O Lord, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded.
7 So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore return thou on high.
8 The Lord shall judge the people: judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.

9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

10 My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

12 If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

15 He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made.

16 His mischief shall return upon his own head and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.

17 I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.

PSALM 8.

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him; and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the work of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:
7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;
8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.
9 O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Second Day. Morning.

PSALM 9.

I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.
2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High.
3 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.
4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right
5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.
6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them.
7 But the Lord shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.
8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.
9 The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times ot trouble.

10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

11 Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

12 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

13 Have mercy upon me, O Lord; consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

14 That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

16 The Lord is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Arise, O Lord; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O Lord: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah.

PSALM 10

WHY standest thou afar off, O Lord? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?

2 The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's

desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the Lord abhorreth.

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity.

7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.

9 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

10 He croucheth, and humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.

11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it.

12 Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.

14 Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to require it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.

15 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man: seek out his wickedness till thou find none.

16 The Lord is King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

17 Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

PSALM 11

IN the Lord put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?

2 For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

4 The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

5 The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and a horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

7 For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

Second Day. Evening.

PSALM 12

HELP, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.

3 The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things:

4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is Lord over us?

5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Lord; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.

6 The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

7 Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

PSALM 13

HOW long wilt thou forget me, O Lord? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

3 Consider and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;

4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

5 But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

6 I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM 14

THE fool said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

2 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.

3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the Lord.

5 There were they in great fear: for God is in the generation of the righteous.

6 Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the Lord is his refuge.

7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Third Day. Morning.

PSALM 15

LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

5 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

PSALM 16

PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee;

3 But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

5 The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

8 I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

11 Thou will shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

PSALM 17

HEAR the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry; give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.

3 Thou has proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing: I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.

5 Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.

6 I have called unto thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.

7 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

9 From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about.

10 They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.

11 They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;

12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O Lord, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword:

14 From men which are thy hand, O Lord, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.

15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

Third Day. Evening.

PSALM 18

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength.
2 The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.
3 I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.
4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.
5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.
6 In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.
7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.
8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.
9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.
10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.
11 He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of skies.
12 At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire.
13 The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.
14 Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered

them; and he shot out his lightnings, and discomfited them.

15 Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

16 He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the Lord was my stay.

19 He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

20 The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

21 For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

22 For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

23 I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

24 Therefore hath the Lord recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

25 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

26 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks.

28 For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.

29 For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.
30 As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.
31 For who is God save the Lord? or who is a rock save our God?
32 It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.
33 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places.
34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.
35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.
36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.
37 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.
38 I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.
39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.
40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me.
41 They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the Lord, but he answered them not.
42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.
43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people whom I have not known shall serve me.

44 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

45 The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.

46 The Lord liveth; and blessed be my Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

47 It is God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me.

48 He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

49 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.

50 Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.

Fourth Day. Morning.

PSALM 19

THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun.

5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting

the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

PSALM 20

THE Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

2 Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;

3 Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah.

4 Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the Lord fulfill all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.
8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.
9 Save, Lord: let the king hear us when we call.

PSALM 21

THE king shall joy in thy strength, O Lord; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!
2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah.
3 For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.
4 He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, even length of days for ever and ever.
5 His glory is great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.
6 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.
7 For the king trusteth in the Lord, and through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved.
8 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.
9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the Lord shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.
10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.
11 For they intended evil against thee: they

imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform.

12 Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back, when thou shalt make ready thine arrows upon thy strings against the face of them.

13 Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.

Fourth Day. Evening.

PSALM 22

MY God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

3 But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

6 But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, the shake the head, saying,

8 He trusted on the Lord that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

9 But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.

10 I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.

11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

13 They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

17 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.

18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O Lord: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23 Ye that fear the Lord, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him: and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

24 For he hath not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

25 My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.
28 For the Kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the governor among the nations.
29 All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.
30 A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.
31 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

PSALM 23

THE Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2 He maketh me lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Fifth Day. Morning.

PSALM 24

THe earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.
3 Who shall ascend unto the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?
4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.
5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.
7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
8 Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
10 Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

PSALM 25

UNTO thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
2 O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.
3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.
4 Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.
5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.
6 Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

8 Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

9 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

10 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

11 For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.

12 What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

13 His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

14 The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

15 Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

19 Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.

20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

PSALM 26

JUDGE me, O Lord; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the Lord; therefore I shall not slide.

2 Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

3 For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.

4 I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.

5 I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.

6 I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O Lord:

7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

8 Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

9 Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:

10 In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.

11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

12 My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the Lord.

Fifth Day. Evening

PSALM 27

THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

3 Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

9 Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.

11 Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

13 I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

14 Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

PSALM 28

UNTO thee will I cry, O Lord my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

3 Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts.

4 Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert.

5 Because they regard not the works of the Lord, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

6 Blessed be the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

7 The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

8 The Lord is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed.

9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

PSALM 29

GIVE unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

2 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the Lord is upon many waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

5 The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars; yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.

7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire.

8 The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness; the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.

10 The Lord sitteth upon the flood; yea, the Lord sitteth King for ever.

11 The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Sixth Day. Morning.

PSALM 30

I will extol thee, O Lord; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

2 O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

3 O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

4 Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

7 Lord, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.

8 I cried to thee, O Lord; and unto the Lord I made supplication.

9 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?

10 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be thou my helper.

11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

12 To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

PSALM 31

IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for a house of defense to save me.

3 For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

4 Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength.

5 Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the Lord.

7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;

8 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room.

9 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly.

10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

11 I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me.

12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel.

13 For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.

14 But I trusted in thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my God.

15 My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.

17 Let me not be ashamed, O Lord; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

19 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the Lord: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.
22 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.
23 O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.
24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

Sixth Day. Evening.

PSALM 32

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.
3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.
4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.
5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.
6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.
7 Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.
8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.

11 Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

PSALM 33

REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

2 Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.

4 For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

11 The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

13 The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

15 He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.

16 There is no king saved by the multitude of a host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

17 A horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield.

21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

22 Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

PSALM 34

I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

8 O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

9 O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

Seventh Day. Morning.

PSALM 35

PLEAD my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.

3 Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

5 Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the Lord chase them.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the Lord persecute them.

7 For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul.

8 Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

11 False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not.

12 They rewarded me evil for good to the spoiling of my soul.

13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

14 I behaved myself as though he had been

my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not:

16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

17 Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.

18 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

20 For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land.

21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.

22 This thou hast seen, O Lord: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O Lord my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

26 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify themselves against me.

27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.

PSALM 36

THE transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good.

4 He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil.

5 Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.

7 How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

9 For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

Seventh Day. Evening.

PSALM 37

FRET not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

9 For evil doers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.

10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

12 The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

13 The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.

14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation.

15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.

16 A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the Lord upholdeth the righteous.

18 The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.

19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.

21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

22 For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.

23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

26 He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.

27 Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.

28 For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.
31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.
32 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.
33 The Lord will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.
34 Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.
35 I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.
36 Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.
37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.
38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.
39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble.
40 And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

Eighth Day. Morning.

PSALM 38

O Lord, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
2 For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.
3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin.
4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

5 My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness.

6 I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no soundness in my flesh.

8 I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off.

12 They also that seek after my life lay snares for me; and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.

13 But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.

14 Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

15 For in thee, O Lord, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

16 For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.

17 For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me.

18 For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

20 They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow the thing that good is.

21 Forsake me not, O Lord: O my God, be not far from me.
22 Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

PSALM 39

I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.
2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred.
3 My heart was hot within me; while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue.
4 Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.
5 Behold, thou hast made my days as a handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best is altogether vanity. Selah.
6 Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.
7 And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.
8 Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.
9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it.
10 Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.
11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. Selah.
12 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear

unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

13 O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence and be no more.

Eighth Day. Evening.

PSALM 40

I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

2 He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

4 Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

5 Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,

8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest.

10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy loving-

kindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.

13 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me: O Lord, make haste to help me.

14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha.

16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

17 But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

PSALM 41

BLESSED is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

2 The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

3 The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

4 I said, Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

5 Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish?

6 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; when he goeth abroad, he telleth it.

7 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.

8 An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him. and now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.

9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

10 But thou, O Lord, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.

11 By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever.

13 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM 42

AS the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude. I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy day.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in

God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.

7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8 Yet the Lord will command his loving-kindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM 43

JUDGE me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

2 For thou art the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Ninth Day. Morning.

PSALM 44

WE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

2 How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

4 Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

5 Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.

8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

9 But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies.

10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.

11 Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.

12 Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase thy wealth by their price.

13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

14 Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people.

15 My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me,

16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way;

19 Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

21 Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression?

25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

26 Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

PSALM 45

MY heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

2 Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most Mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously, because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

5 Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee.

6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

9 Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

11 So shall the King greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift, even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favour.

13 The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

14 She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the King's palace.

16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

PSALM 46

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

8 Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.
11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

PSALM 47

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
2 For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.
3 He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.
4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.
5 God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
7 For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.
8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.
9 The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted.

Ninth Day. Evening.

PSALM 48

GREAT is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.
2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.
3 God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

4 For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.
5 They saw it, and so they marvelled; they were troubled, and hasted away.
6 Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail.
7 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.
8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Selah.
9 We have thought of thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.
10 According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.
11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.
12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.
13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.
14 For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

PSALM 49

HEAR this, all ye people; give ear all ye inhabitants of the world.
2 Both low and high, rich and poor, together.
3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.
4 I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp.
5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall com pass me about?

6 They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

7 None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

8 (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)

9 That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption.

10 For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.

11 Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwellingplaces to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.

12 Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.

13 This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah.

14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.

15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.

16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;

17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.

18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul, (and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself,)

19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.

20 Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.

Tenth Day. Morning.

PSALM 50

THE mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

5 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me.

9 I will take no bullock out of thy house nor he goats out of thy folds:

10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High:

15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?

17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.

18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.

19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.

20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son.

21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such a one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

22 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.

PSALM 51

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

7 Purge me with hpssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.
10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free Spirit.
13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.
15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.
17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.
18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

PSALM 52

WHY boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually.
2 Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor. working deceitfully.

3 Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.

4 Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue.

5 God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwellingplace, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.

6 The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him:

7 Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy name; for it is good before thy saints.

Tenth Day. Evening.

PSALM 53

THE fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.

2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.

3 Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon God.

5 There were they in great fear, where no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of

him that encampeth against thee: thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them.

6 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

PSALM 54

SAVE me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah.

4 Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.

6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O Lord; for it is good.

7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

PSALM 55

GIVE ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.

2 Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

4 My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.

6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

7 Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah.

8 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.

9 Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

12 For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

13 But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.

14 We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.

15 Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

16 As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me.

17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.

19 God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

20 He hath put forth his hands against such

as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant.

21 The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords.

22 Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.

Eleventh Day. Morning.

PSALM 56

BE merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.

2 Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou Most High.

3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

5 Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil.

6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.

7 Shall they escape by iniquity? in thine anger cast down the people, O God.

8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?

9 When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.

10 In God will I praise his word: in the Lord will I praise his word.

11 In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

12 Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

PSALM 57

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

2 I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me.

3 He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

4 My soul is among lions: and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.

6 They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah.

7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

10 For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

PSALM 58

DO ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

2 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.

3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

4 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear;

5 Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.

6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O Lord.

7 Let them melt away as waters which run continually: when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

8 As a snail which melteth, let every one of them pass away: like the untimely birth of a woman, that they may not see the sun.

9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in his wrath.

10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

Eleventh Day. Evening.

PSALM 59

DELIVER me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, not for my sin, O Lord.

4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help me, and behold.

5 Thou therefore, O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.

6 They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords are in their lips: for who, say they, doth hear?

8 But thou, O Lord, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

9 Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence.

10 The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

11 Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

12 For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak.

13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and let them know that

God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah.

14 And at evening let them return; and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

15 Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.

PSALM 60

O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again.

2 Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

5 That thy beloved may be delivered; save with thy right hand, and hear me.

6 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver;

8 Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, triumph thou because of me.

9 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?
10 Wilt not thou, O God, which hadst cast us off? and thou, O God, which didst not go out with our armies?
11 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.
12 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM 61

HEAR my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.
2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.
4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.
5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.
6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life: and his years as many generations.
7 He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him.
8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

Twelfth Day. Morning.

PSALM 62

TRULY my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.
2 He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.
3 How long will ye imagine mischief against

a man? ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence.

4 They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah.

5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.

7 In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

9 Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity.

10 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

12 Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

PSALM 63

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

2 To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

3 Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

4 Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

6 When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.

7 Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

8 My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

9 But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

10 They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes.

11 But the King shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

PSALM 64

HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:

3 Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words:

4 That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

5 They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them?

6 They search out iniquites; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep.

7 But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded.

8 So they shall make their own tongue to

fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away.

9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.

10 The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

Twelfth Day. Evening.

PSALM 65

PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

3 Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

5 By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea.

6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:

7 Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.

11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.

13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

PSALM 66

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:
2 Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.

3 Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah.

5 Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

6 He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him.

7 He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

8 O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

9 Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

10 For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

11 Thou broughtest us unto the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins.

12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

13 I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows,

14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

15 I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams: I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.

16 Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

17 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

19 But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

PSALM 67

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.

2 That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.
7 God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Thirteenth Day. Morning.

PSALM 68

LET God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.
2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
3 But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.
4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.
5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.
6 God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.
7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah:
8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.
10 Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.
11 The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

12 Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.
13 Though ye have lain among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.
14 When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was white as snow in Salmon.
15 The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan; a high hill as the hill of Bashan.
16 Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; yea, the Lord will dwell in it for ever.
17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.
18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.
19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.
20 He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.
21 But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his trespasses.
22 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring my people again from the depths of the sea:
23 That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies, and the tongue of thy dogs in the same.
24 They have seen thy goings, O God; even the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.
25 The singers went before, the players on

instruments followed after; among them were the damsels playing with timbrels.

26 Bless ye God in the congregations, even the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.

27 There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.

28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto thee.

30 Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, till every one submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter thou the people that delight in war.

31 Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord; Selah:

33 To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.

35 O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

Thirteenth Day. Evening.

PSALM 69

SAVE me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul.

2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me

3 I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.
4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.
5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.
6 Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.
7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face.
8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.
9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.
10 When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.
11 I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them.
12 They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards.
13 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.
14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.
15 Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.
16 Hear me, O Lord; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

17 And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily.

18 Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

19 Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries are all before thee.

20 Reproach hath broken my heart, and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.

21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

22 Let their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap.

23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.

24 Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.

25 Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.

26 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.

27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness.

28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

29 But I am poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

31 This also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

32 The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

33 For the Lord heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.
34 Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein.
35 For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.
36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

PSALM 70

MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.
2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.
3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.
4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.
5 But I am poor and needy; make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying.

Fourteenth Day. Morning.

PSALM 71

IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.
2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.
3 Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.
4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of

the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

5 For thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth.

6 By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise shall be continually of thee.

7 I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong refuge.

8 Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day.

9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

10 For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together.

11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for there is none to deliver him.

12 O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

13 Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered with reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.

14 But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers thereof.

16 I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed

thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.

19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!

20 Thou, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery, even thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

PSALM 72

GIVE the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

2 He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.

3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

4 He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth.

7 In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

12 For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

13 He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.

16 There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

17 His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, and Amen.

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

Fourteenth Day. Evening.

PSALM 73

TRULY God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart.

2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.

3 For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm.

5 They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men.

6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment.

7 Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.

8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily.

9 They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

10 Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out of them.

11 And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the Most High?

12 Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

13 Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children.

16 When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me;

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.

18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

19 How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

21 Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

22 So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee.

23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou has holden me by my right hand.

24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire besides thee.

26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.

28 But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works.

PSALM 74

O God, why hast thou cast us off for ever? why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?

2 Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.
4 Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ensigns for signs.
5 A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.
6 But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.
7 They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling-place of thy name to the ground.
8 They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.
9 We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet: neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.
10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blashpheme thy name for ever?
11 Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck it out of thy bosom.
12 For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.
13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou breakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.
14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.
15 Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood; thou driest up mighty rivers.
16 The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.
17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.
18 Remember this, that the enemy hath re-

proached, O Lord, and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

19 O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of the wicked: forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.

20 Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.

23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually.

Fifteenth Day. Morning.

PSALM 75

UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.

2 When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.

3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.

4 I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:

5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck.

6 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

8 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out the same: but the dregs

thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.

9 But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

PSALM 76

IN Judah is God known: his name is great in Israel.

2 In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwellingplace in Zion.

3 There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah.

4 Thou art more glorious and excellent than the mountains of prey.

5 The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands.

6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

7 Thou, even thou, art to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?

8 Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still,

9 When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.

10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

11 Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes: he is terrible to the kings of the earth.

PSALM 77

I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

3 I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.

4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

5 I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

6 I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

7 Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?

8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore?

9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.

10 And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.

11 I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

12 I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

13 Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

14 Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

15 Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters

saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

17 The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.

18 The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

19 Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Fifteenth Day. Evening.

PSALM 78

GIVE ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

3 Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:

6 That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children:

7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

8 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation

that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God.

9 The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.

10 They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law;

11 And forgat his works, and his wonders that he hath shewed them.

12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as a heap.

14 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.

15 He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of the great depths.

16 He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the Most High in the wilderness.

18 And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.

19 Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?

21 Therefore the Lord heard this, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;

22 Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:

23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,

24 And had rained down manna upon them

to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.

25 Man did eat angel's food: he sent them meat to the full.

26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.

27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:

28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.

29 So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;

30 They were not estranged from their lust: but while their meat was yet in their mouths,

31 The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen men of Israel.

32 For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works.

33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in trouble.

34 When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and inquired early after God.

35 And they remembered that God was their Rock, and the high God their Redeemer.

36 Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.

37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they steadfast in his covenant.

38 But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

39 For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert!

41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

42 They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy:

43 How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan:

44 And had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods, that they could not drink.

45 He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the locust.

47 He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycamore trees with frost.

48 He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.

49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.

50 He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence;

51 And smote all the firstborn in Egypt; the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham:

52 But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, even to this mountain, which his right hand had purchased.

55 He cast out the heathen also before them,

and divided them an inheritanec by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies:
57 But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.
58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.
59 When God heard this, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:
60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent which he placed among men;
61 And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.
62 He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.
63 The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage.
64 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.
65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, and like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.
66 And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.
67 Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:
68 But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.
69 And he built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the earth which he had established for ever.
70 He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:
71 From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

72 So he fed them acording to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

Sixteenth Day. Morning.

PSALM 79

O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.

2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.

3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; and there was none to bury them.

4 We are become a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

5 How long, Lord? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwellingplace.

8 O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us; for we are brought very low.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

10 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight by the revenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed.

11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy

power preserve thou those that are appointed to die;

12 And render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.

13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

PSALM 80

GIVE ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubim, shine forth.

2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come and save us.

3 Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?

5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure.

6 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

9 Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars.

11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.

12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.

14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself.

16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself.

18 So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

19 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

PSALM 81

SING aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

2 Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

4 For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: where I heard a language that I understood not.

6 I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots.

7 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee: I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;
9 There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.
10 I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
11 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.
12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.
13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways!
14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.
15 The haters of the Lord should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever.
16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

Sixteenth Day. Evening.

PSALM 82

GOD standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.
2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.
3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.
4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.
5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.
6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the Most High.

7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

PSALM 83

KEEP not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

5 For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:

6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;

8 Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah.

9 Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison:

10 Which perished at En-dor: they became as dung for the earth.

11 Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna:

12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.

13 O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.

14 As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire;

15 So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.
16 Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O Lord.
17 Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:
18 That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the Most High over all the earth.

PSALM 84

HOW amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!
2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.
3 Yea, the sparrow hath found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.
4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be still praising thee. Selah.
5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.
6 Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.
7 They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.
8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.
9 Behold. O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.
10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good

thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

PSALM 85

LORD, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people; thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.

3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.

4 Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease.

5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

8 I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

Seventeenth Day. Morning.

PSALM 86

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

2 Preserve my soul; for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.

4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

6 Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works.

9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

11 Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

13 For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them.

15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of com-

passion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

17 Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

PSALM 87

HIS foundation is in the holy mountains.

2 The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.

4 I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there.

5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the Highest himself shall establish her.

6 The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah.

7 As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee.

PSALM 88

O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee:

2 Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

3 For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that hath no strength:

5 Free among the dead, like the slain that

lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand.

6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.

7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. Selah.

8 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.

9 Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: Lord, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee? Selah.

11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction?

12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

13 But unto thee have I cried, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.

14 Lord, why casteth thou off my soul? why hidest thou thy face from me?

15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.

16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.

17 They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.

18 Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness.

Seventeenth Day. Evening.

PSALM 89

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

3 I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,

4 Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah.

5 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Lord: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

6 For who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord?

7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

8 O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

10 Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm.

11 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

12 The north and the south thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

13 Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

16 In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

17 For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.

18 For the Lord is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our King.

19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy Holy One, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:

21 With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

22 The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

23 And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

24 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

25 I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.

26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.

27 Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.

28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

29 His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

32 Then will I visit their transgressions with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

33 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.
34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.
35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.
36 His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.
37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.
38 But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.
39 Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.
40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.
41 All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbours.
42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.
43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battle.
44 Thou hast made his glory to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground.
45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame. Selah.
46 How long, Lord? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire?
47 Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?
48 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.
49 Lord, where are thy former lovingkind-

nesses, which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?

50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants; how I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people;

51 Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O Lord; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.

52 Blessed be the Lord for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

Eighteenth Day. Morning.

PSALM 90

LORD, thou hast been our dwellingplace in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction: and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

7 For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

9 For all our days are passed awy in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be

fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

13 Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

17 And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

PSALM 91

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.
9 Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation;
10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.
12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.
14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.
16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

PSALM 92

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High:
2 To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,
3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.
4 For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.
5 O Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.
6 A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

7 When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever:

8 But thou, Lord, art most high for evermore.

9 For, lo, thine enemies, O Lord, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of a unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

11 Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies, and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age: they shall be fat and flourishing;

15 To shew that the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Eighteenth Day. Evening.

PSALM 93

THE Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

2 Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

4 The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

5 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever.

PSALM 94

O Lord God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself.

2 Lift up thyself, thou Judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

3 Lord, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

5 They break in pieces thy people, O Lord, and afflict thine heritage.

6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

7 Yet they say, The Lord shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.

8 Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise?

9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know?

11 The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.

12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law;

13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

14 For the Lord will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

16 Who will rise up for me against the evil doers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

17 Unless the Lord had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.
18 When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.
19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.
20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?
21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.
22 But the Lord is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge.
23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the Lord our God shall cut them off.

Nineteenth Day. Morning.

PSALM 95

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.
5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.
6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness.
9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.
10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:
11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

PSALM 96

O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.
2 Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.
4 For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.
5 For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.
6 Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
7 Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.
8 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.
9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.
10 Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.
11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

13 Before the Lord: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

PSALM 97

THE Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

3 A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.

4 His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

7 Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods.

8 Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O Lord.

9 For thou, Lord, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

10 Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

11 Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart

12 Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Nineteenth Day. Evening.

PSALM 98

O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

2 The Lord hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

3 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

5 Sing unto the Lord with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.

7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

8 Lete the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together

9 Before the Lord; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

PSALM 99

THE Lord reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubim: let the earth be moved.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people.

3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy.

4 The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

7 He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them.

8 Thou answeredst them, O Lord our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

9 Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy.

PSALM 100

MAKE a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

2 Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

3 Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

PSALM 101

I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.

2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

4 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.
5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath a high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.
6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.
7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.
8 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the Lord.

Twentieth Day. Morning.

PSALM 102

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee.
2 Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.
3 For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as a hearth.
4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.
5 By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.
6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.
7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the housetop.
8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me.
9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping,
10 Because of thine indignation and thy

wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

11 My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

12 But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.

15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

16 When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.

19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

21 To declare the name of the Lord in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the Lord.

23 He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations.

25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment;

as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

27 But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

PSALM 103

BLESS the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

15 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children.

18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

19 The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

20 Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

21 Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

22 Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

Twentieth Day. Evening.

PSALM 104

BLESS the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty:

2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

8 They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

10 He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.

11 They give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst.

12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches.

13 He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

15 And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

16 The trees of the Lord are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;

17 Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.

18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies.

19 He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

21 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

22 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.

24 O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

25 So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

26 There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.

27 These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

28 That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to dust.

30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

31 The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

32 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

33 I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

34 My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord.

35 Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the Lord. O my soul. Praise ye the Lord.

Twenty-First Day. Morning.

PSALM 105

O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

3 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

4 Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

5 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the Lord our God: his judgments are in all the earth.

8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

9 Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac;

10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant:

11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance:

12 When they were but a few men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it.

13 When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people;

14 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproved kings for their sakes;

15 Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

16 Moreover he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole staff of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant:

18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron:

19 Until the time that his word came: the word of the Lord tried him.

20 The king sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people, and let him go free.

21 He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance:

22 To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom.

23 Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

24 And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.

25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilely with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant; and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 They shewed him signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word.

29 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.

30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.

31 He spake, and their came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts.

32 He gave them hail for rain, and flaming fire in their land.

33 He smote their vines also and their fig trees; and brake the trees of their coasts.

34 He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillars, and that without number,

35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.

36 He smote also all the first born in their land, the chief of all their strength.
37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.
38 Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.
39 He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.
40 The people asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river.
42 For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.
43 And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness:
44 And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people;
45 That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the Lord.

Twenty-First Day. Evening.

PSALM 106

PRAISE ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.
2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? who can shew forth all his praise?
3 Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.
4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;
5 That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea.

8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.

9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

10 And he saved them from the land of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.

12 Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.

13 They soon forgat his works; they waited not for his counsel:

14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

15 And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

16 They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the Lord.

17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram.

18 And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.

19 They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

20 Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.

21 They forgat God their Saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;

22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea.

23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.
24 Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word:
25 But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord.
26 Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness:
27 To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.
28 They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.
29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.
30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed.
31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.
32 They angered him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:
33 Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.
34 They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the Lord commanded them:
35 But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.
36 And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.
37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,
38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.
39 Thus were they defiled with their own

works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.

40 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

41 And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

43 Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry:

45 And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.

46 He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.

47 Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.

48 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the Lord.

Twenty-Second Day. Morning.

PSALM 107

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

6 Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

8 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the Most High:

12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help.

13 Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.

14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

15 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

17 Fools, because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.

19 Then they cry unto the Lord in their

trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses.

20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

21 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

24 These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.

28 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

31 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground;

34 A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.
36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;
37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.
38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.
39 Again, they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.
40 He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way.
41 Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh him families like a flock.
42 The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.
43 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

Twenty-Second Day. Evening.

PSALM 108

O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.
2 Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.
3 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
4 For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.
5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth;
6 That thy beloved may be delivered: save with thy right hand, and answer me.

7 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver;

9 Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph.

10 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

11 Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

12 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

13 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM 109

HOLD not thy peace, O God of my praise;
2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

3 They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause.

4 For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer.

5 And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

6 Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand.

7 When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin.

8 Let his days be few; and let another take his office

9 Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.

10 Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places.

11 Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his labour.

12 Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children.

13 Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the Lord; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

15 Let them be before the Lord continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.

16 Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart.

17 As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

18 As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

19 Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

20 Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the Lord, and of them that speak evil against my soul.

21 But do thou for me, O God the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me.

22 For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

23 I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust.

24 My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness.

25 I became also a reproach unto them: when they looked upon me they shaked their heads.

26 Help me, O Lord my God: O save me according to thy mercy:

27 That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, Lord, hast done it.

28 Let them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoice.

29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame; and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.

30 I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude.

31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.

Twenty-Third Day. Morning.

PSALM 110

THE Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

4 The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

PSALM 111

PRAISE ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

2 The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3 His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

PSALM 112

PRAISE ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

5 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.

9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM 113

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

2 Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.

4 The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high,

6 Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;

8 That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.

9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the Lord.

Twenty-Third Day. Evening.

PSALM 114

WHEN Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;

2 Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs.

5 What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills like lambs?

7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;

8 Which turned the rock into a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

PSALM 115

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

2 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God?

3 But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

5 They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:

6 They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:

7 They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

8 They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.

9 O Israel, trust thou in the Lord: he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield.

11 Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield.

12 The Lord hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.

13 He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.

14 The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

15 Ye are blessed of the Lord which made heaven and earth.

16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17 The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence.

18 But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the Lord.

Twenty-Fourth Day. Morning.

PSALM 116

I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

4 Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

6 The Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9 I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

10 I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:

11 I said in my haste, All men are liars.

12 What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

14 I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

16 O Lord, truly I am thy servant; I am they servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.

17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

18 I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people,

19 In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 117

O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

2 For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 118

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Let them now that fear the Lord say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

5 I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place.

6 The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

7 The Lord taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

8 It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

9 It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

10 All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord will I destroy them.

11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.
12 They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.
13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the Lord helped me.
14 The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.
15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.
16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.
17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
18 The Lord hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.
19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord:
20 This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter.
21 I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.
22 The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.
23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.
24 This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.
26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.
27 God is the Lord, which hath shewed us

light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

28 Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

29 O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Twenty-Fourth Day. Evening.

PSALM 119

Aleph

BLESSED are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

8 I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

Beth

9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

12 Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.
14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.
15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.
16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

Gimel

17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.
18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.
19 I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.
20 My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.
21 Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed, which do err from thy commandments.
22 Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies.
23 Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.
24 Thy testimonies also are my delight, and my counsellors.

Daleth

25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.
26 I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.
27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.
28 My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.
29 Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.
30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me.

31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O Lord, put me not to shame.
32 I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

He

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.
35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.
36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.
37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.
38 Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.
39 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good.
40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

Twenty-Fifth Day. Morning.

Vau

41 Let thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord, even thy salvation, according to thy word.
42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.
43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.
44 So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.
45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.
47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.
48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

Zain

49 Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.
50 This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.
51 The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law.
52 I remembered thy judgments of old, O Lord; and have comforted myself.
53 Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law.
54 Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.
55 I have remembered thy name, O Lord, in the night, and have kept thy law.
56 This I had, because I kept thy precepts.

Cheth

57 Thou art my portion, O Lord: I have said that I would keep thy words.
58 I entreated thy favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.
59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.
60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.
61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law.
62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.
64 The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

Teth

65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O Lord, according unto thy word.
66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.
67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.
68 Thou art good, and doest good: teach me thy statutes.
69 The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.
70 Their heart is as fat as grease: but I delight in thy law.
71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.
72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

Jod

73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.
74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.
75 I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.
76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.
77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.
78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt

perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in thy precepts.
79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.
80 Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

Twenty-Fifth Day. Evening.

Caph

81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.
82 Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?
83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes.
84 How many are the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgement on them that persecute me?
85 The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after thy law.
86 All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.
87 They have almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts.
88 Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

Lamed

89 For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.
90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.
91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.
92 Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.
93 I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

94 I am thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.
95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.
96 I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

Mem

97 O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.
98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.
100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.
101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.
102 I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.
103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth.
104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

Twenty-Sixth Day. Morning.

Nun

105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
106 I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.
107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O Lord, according unto thy word.
108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me thy judgments.

109 My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.
110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.
111 Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.
112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always, even unto the end.

Samech

113 I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.
114 Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.
115 Depart from me, ye evil doers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.
116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.
117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.
118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.
119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.
120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.

Ain

121 I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.
122 Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.
123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.

124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.
125 I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.
126 It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law.
127 Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.
128 Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

Pe

129 Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.
130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.
131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.
132 Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.
133 Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
134 Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.
135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.
136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

Tzaddi

137 Righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgments.
138 Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.
139 My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.
140 Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

141 I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts.
142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.
143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.
144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

Twenty-Sixth Day. Evening.

Koph

145 I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord: I will keep thy statutes.
146 I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.
147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.
148 Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word.
149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O Lord, quicken me according to thy judgment.
150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.
151 Thou art near, O Lord; and all thy commandments are truth.
152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.

Resh

153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.
154 Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.
155 Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.
156 Great are thy tender mercies, O Lord: quicken me according to thy judgments.

157 Many are my persecutors and mine enemies; yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.
158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.
159 Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O Lord, according to thy lovingkindness.
160 Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

Schin

161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.
162 I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.
163 I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love.
164 Seven times a day do I praise thee, because of thy righteous judgments.
165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.
166 Lord, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.
167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.
168 I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

Tau

169 Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord: give me understanding according to thy word.
170 Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.
171 My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.
172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

173 Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.
174 I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord; and thy law is my delight.
175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.
176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep: seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

Twenty-Seventh Day. Morning.

PSALM 120

IN my distress I cried unto the Lord, and he heard me.
2 Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.
3 What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?
4 Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.
5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, that I dwell in the tents of Kedar!
6 My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.
7 I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.

PSALM 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
2 My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

PSALM 122

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.
2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:
4 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.
5 For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
7 Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.
8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.
9 Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

PSALM 123

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.

PSALM 124

IF it had not been the Lord who was on our side, now may Israel say;

2 If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

3 Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:

5 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

6 Blessed be the Lord, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

8 Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 125

THEY that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

2 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

3 For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

4 Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

5 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon Israel.

Twenty-Seventh Day. Evening.

PSALM 126

WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them.

3 The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

4 Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south.

5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

PSALM 127

EXCEPT the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

3 Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

PSALM 128

BLESSED is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

5 The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

PSALM 129

MANY a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say:

2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me.

3 The ploughers ploughed upon my back: they made long their furrows.

4 The Lord is righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.

6 Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up:

7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.

8 Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the Lord be upon you: we bless you in the name of the Lord.

PSALM 130

OUT of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.

2 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

3 If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

4 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

5 I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait and in his word do I hope.

6 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

7 Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

PSALM 131

LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

2 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child.

3 Let Israel hope in the Lord from henceforth and for ever.

Twenty-Eighth Day. Morning.

PSALM 132

LORD, remember David, and all his afflictions:

2 How he sware unto the Lord, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob;

3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;

4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids,
5 Until I find out a place for the Lord, a habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.
6 Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.
7 We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.
8 Arise, O Lord, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.
9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.
10 For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed.
11 The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.
12 If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.
13 For the Lord hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation.
14 This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.
15 I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.
16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
17 There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.
18 His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

PSALM 133

BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even

Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

PSALM 134

BEHOLD, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord.

2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.

3 The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

PSALM 135

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise ye the name of the Lord; praise him, O ye servants of the Lord.

2 Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God,

3 Praise the Lord; for the Lord is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.

4 For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure.

5 For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.

6 Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

7 He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries.

8 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast.

9 Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.

10 Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings;
11 Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan:
12 And gave their land for a heritage, a heritage unto Israel his people.
13 Thy name, O Lord, endureth for ever; and thy memorial, O Lord, throughout all generations.
14 For the Lord will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants.
15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
16 They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not;
17 They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouths.
18 They that make them are like unto them: so is every one that trusteth in them.
19 Bless the Lord, O house of Israel: bless the Lord, O house of Aaron:
20 Bless the Lord, O house of Levi: ye that fear the Lord, bless the Lord.
21 Blessed be the Lord out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

Twenty-Eighth Day. Evening.

PSALM 136

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.
2 O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.
3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.
4 To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.
5 To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.

6 To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.

7 To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever:

8 The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever:

9 The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever.

10 To him that smote Egypt in their first-born: for his mercy endureth for ever:

11 And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth for ever: .

12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth for ever.

13 To him which divided the Red Sea into parts: for his mercy endureth for ever:

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever:

15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy endureth for ever.

16 To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever.

17 To him which smote great kings: for his mercy endureth for ever:

18 And slew famous kings: for his mercy endureth for ever:

19 Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth for ever:

20 And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy endureth for ever:

21 And gave their land for a heritage: for his mercy endureth for ever:

22 Even a heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy endureth for ever.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever.

24 And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever.

25 Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever.

26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM 137

BY the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept when we remembered Zion.

2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

4 How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.

6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

7 Remember, O Lord, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof.

8 O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

9 Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

PSALM 138

I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

3 In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord, when they hear the words of thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: for great is the glory of the Lord.

6 Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

Twenty-Ninth Day. Morning.

PSALM 139

O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thought afar off.

3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

7 Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, Surely the darkness will cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mothers womb.

14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

19 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.

20 For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

21 Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM 140

DELIVER me, O Lord, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;

2 Which imagine mischiefs in their heart; continually are they gathered together for war.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah.

4 Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings.

5 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the way side; they have set gins for me. Selah.

6 I said unto the Lord, Thou art my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O Lord.

7 O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

8 Grant not, O Lord, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; lest they exalt themselves. Selah.

9 As for the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

10 Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

11 Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

12 I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.

13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

Twenty-Ninth Day. Evening.

PSALM 141

LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

5 Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities.

6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.

7 Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth.

8 But mine eyes are unto thee, O God the Lord: in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.

9 Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape.

PSALM 142

I cried unto the Lord with my voice; with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication.

2 I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble.

3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

4 I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

5 I cried unto thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

6 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

Thirtieth Day. Morning.

PSALM 143

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah.

7 Hear me speedily, O Lord; my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.

10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

11 Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.

PSALM 144

BLESSED be the Lord my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:

2 My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.

3 Lord, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!

4 Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away.

5 Bow thy heavens, O Lord, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.

7 Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;

8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

10 It is he that giveth salvation unto kings: who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.

11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:

12 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

13 That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store; that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:

14 That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets.

15 Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.

Thirtieth Day. Evening.

PSALM 145

I will extol thee, my God, O King; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

4 One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

5 I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

6 And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

8 The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

9 The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

10 All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.

11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

14 The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

16 Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

18 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

20 The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

PSALM 146

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

2 While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God:

6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:

7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners:

8 The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous:

9 The Lord preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

10 The Lord shall rein for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord.

Thirty-First Day. Morning.

PSALM 147

PRAISE ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

2 The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.
5 Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.
6 The Lord lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.
7 Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:
8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.
9 He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.
10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.
11 The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.
12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.
13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.
14 He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.
15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.
16 He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.
17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?
18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.
19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.
20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 148

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

2 Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:

8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

9 Mountains and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

11 Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

14 He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the Lord.

Thirty-First Day. Evening.

PSALM 149

PRAISE ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.

2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

4 For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand;

7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;

8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord.

PSALM 150

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

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